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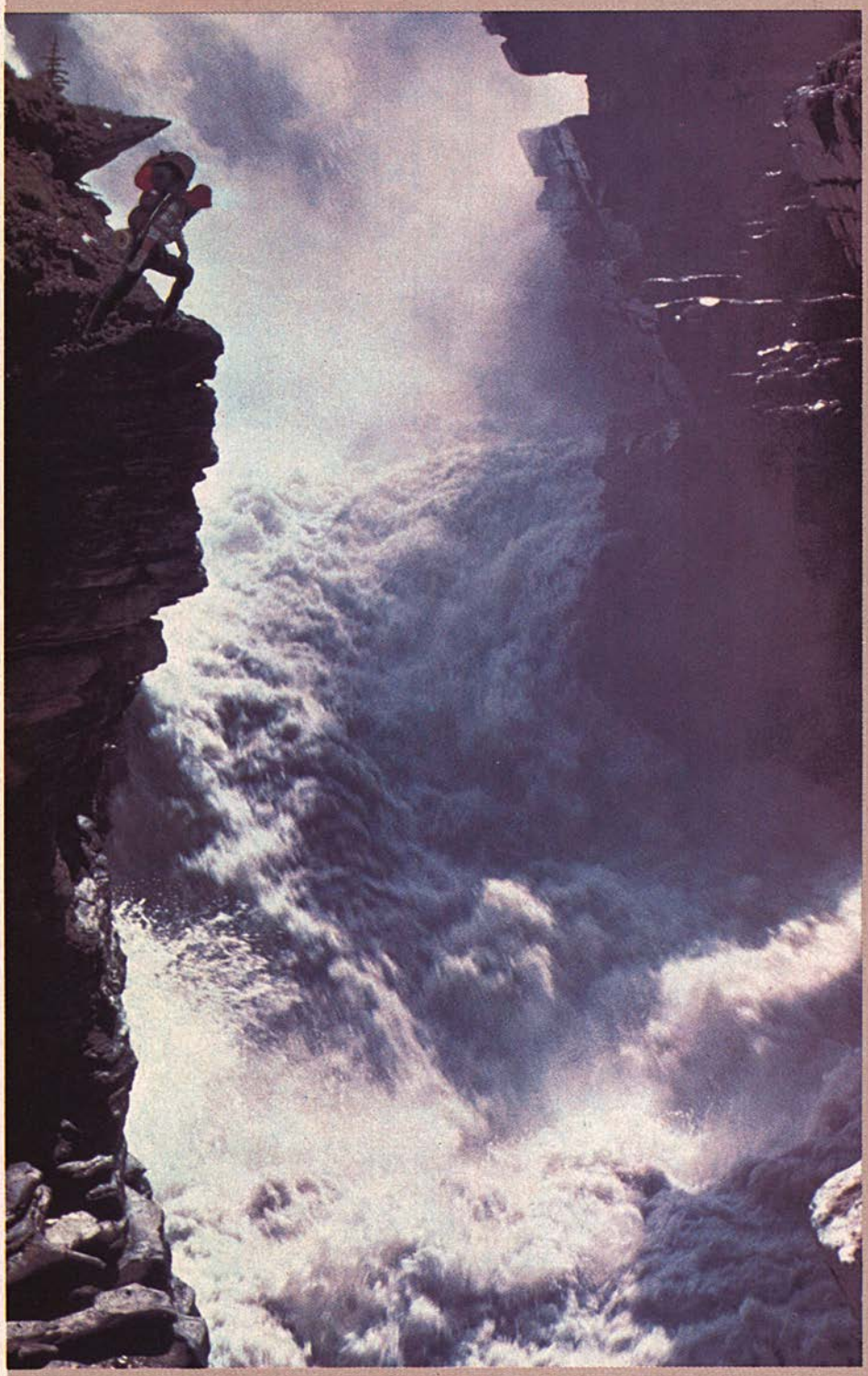

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FOR AN INDIVIDUAL BLESSED WITH such an abundance of natural talent, Hector Camacho certainly didn't show much class after breakdancing past Jose Luis Ramirez for the WBC's portion of the lightweight title. I don't think Camacho is necessarily a racist because he used the word "nigger" during his post-fight tirade. But I do think he sold himself short.

Camacho, a member of a racial minority, should know better. Even assuming Hector's comment was merely a case of his mouth overtaking his judgment, the incident, beamed into millions of homes via HBO, was still an unneeded blow to boxing's sagging image. Here was one of our brightest young stars, basking in the glory of his greatest ring victory, suddenly soiling the moment with a tasteless remark.

But let's not be too harsh on Camacho. We can only expect boxing—and boxers—to mirror our times and culture. Racism has always played a role in boxing. From John L. Sullivan's refusal to defend against black challengers to Larry Holmes calling David Bey a "halfbreed," boxing has always reflected this sick side of human nature. The fact that the term "white hope" is still very much a part of the sport's vernacular shows how little we have progressed—at a gut level, anyway—since the days when films of Jack Johnson's knockout over Jim Jeffries were suppressed by the federal government for fear they would spark riots.

But boxing also has an endearing habit of bringing out the best in men, often under the most unlikely circumstances. Less than a month before the Camacho-Ramirez bout in Las Vegas, Dwight Muhammad Qawi journeyed to racially torn South Africa in search of the WBA junior heavyweight title. He was a black man, challenging a white champion in a nation where separation of the races is enforced by the official policy of apartheid. By Qawi's own account he was treated well. Even though he knocked out the local hero, Dwight was afforded an appreciative round of applause by the predominately white audience. "Sportsmen," he called them. Boxing, for all its faults, had, in this instance, provided an oasis of sanity in a desert of madness.

Prizefighting has always provided downtrodden men of all races a way to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. It's one of the game's few redeeming social characteristics. And all of us, including Hector Camacho, would do well to remember that racial superiority is a mere pigment of the imagination.

Nigel Collins

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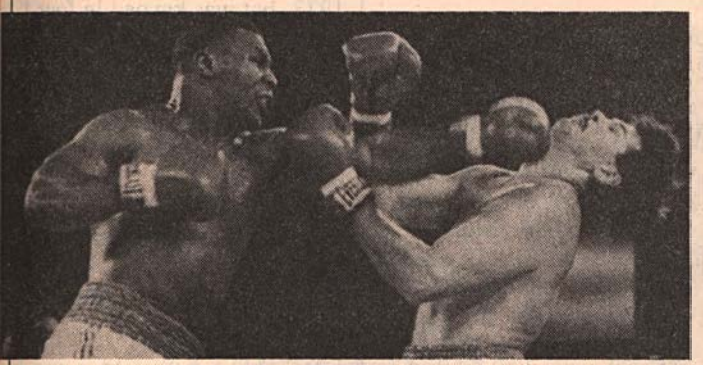

Photo by Pete Goldfield

Reader David W. Reese would like to see less of Tyrell Biggs and more of Mike Tyson—seen here nailing John Anderson with a straight left on his way to another knockout victory.

CHASING AN ILLUSION

LARRY HOLMES IS CHASING AN illusion. No matter what his ultimate record is, nothing can eliminate what Rocky Marciano accomplished. As Holmes avoids such first-class heavyweights as Pinklon Thomas and Greg Page, he only succeeds in diminishing his own record.

ED KOOPERMAN
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JURY STILL OUT ON CHAVEZ

A FEW DAYS AGO I WITNESSED THE Roger Mayweather–Julio Cesar Chavez fight. Before you get carried away and nominate Chavez for fistic canonization, let's keep in mind that Roger Mayweather has to be included in anyone's All-Time Top Ten List of Fragile Chins. Not only do Mayweather's legs turn into jelly faster than you can say "Smuckers," but he also hasn't the foggiest idea of how to survive in the ring when hurt.

1.) Mayweather doesn't keep his hands up when hurt.

2.) Mayweather doesn't know how to tie up his opponent when hurt.

3.) When floored, Mayweather jumps up immediately thus giving himself the least possible amount of time to recover.

Chavez will have to prove himself in the lightweight ranks if indeed he is to prove himself. The junior lightweights are nothing more than a motley crew of has-beens, stiffs, glass-jaws, and quitters (i.e. Lockridge).

BRIAN MILLER
Massillon, Ohio

STANDING STUPID

IT'S BEEN ABOUT TWO AND A HALF years since the standing eight count was first introduced to professional boxing in the United States, and I have been opposed to this rule from the very beginning. First, because I feel it is a threat to the safety of the fighters, and second, because in some cases it can be extremely unfair. A perfect example of just how unfair this rule can be occurred on May 20, 1985 during the Marvis Frazier vs. James Tillis fight.

In the first two rounds, James Tillis had complete control of the fight. He had set Frazier up beautifully, backed him against the ropes and was now going for the kayo. He was throwing a barrage of punches that left Frazier completely defenseless. At this point, Tillis was expending every ounce of energy he had. And why not? There was no reason for him to conserve his energy because he knew it was only a matter of seconds before he would put Frazier out. Just then the ref (Joey Curtis) stepped in for what I thought would be a fully justified stoppage of the fight. But instead, he gave Frazier a standing eight count. I couldn't believe it!

By this time, Tillis was exhausted by his all out effort to kayo Frazier. After Frazier got a little rest he went on to win the decision over his tired opponent. In effect, Frazier was given a second chance to win the fight. That's ridiculous! No other sport does that. Did you ever hear of a baseball game being stopped to give a runner a second chance to make it to home plate? Of course not! If Frazier had been able to put Tillis out with a single blow, what second chance would Tillis have gotten?

Everyone knows that the primary objective of professional boxing, unlike amateur boxing, is to knock out your opponent. Some fighters can accomplish this task with a single punch. But many other fighters attain this goal with a series of punches. The problem for the latter type of fighter is that the standing eight count allows the referee to prevent him from attain the kayo (or TKO) every time he has his opponent in trouble. Therefore, the standing eight count gives an unfair advantage to the one punch knock out artist.

As far as I'm concerned, Marvis Frazier lost that fight by a TKO in the second round. If a fighter is in bad enough trouble to need a standing eight count, he's in enough trouble to stop the fight. Period.

LAWRENCE KIER
Middletown, NY

BIGGS BORING

AS A *RING* SUBSCRIBER AND fanatic boxing fan, I feel I must comment on a major injustice to the public.

Recently, I watched a televised fight featuring Tyrell Biggs and somebody named Richardson. Biggs kayo'd Richardson in Round 2 (which was somehow very predictable). Yet, I found myself very disappointed. I started wondering why the press, sports media and even the Duvas think the public is really at all interested in Tyrell Biggs. It is my opinion (and I know I am not alone), that he is not very good.

He may indeed be an ex-Olympian, but his pro performances have been lackluster and downright boring. After the Richardson bout, the TV announcer exclaimed, ". . .and that raises Biggs' record to four and 0." I was suddenly reminded of another 4 and 0 heavyweight—Mike Tyson. It just seems unfair that someone of Tyson's ability and calibre is left in relative obscurity (publicitywise), and a plodding dinosaur like Biggs gets prime time exposure on a major TV network.

DAVID W. REESE
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Round One

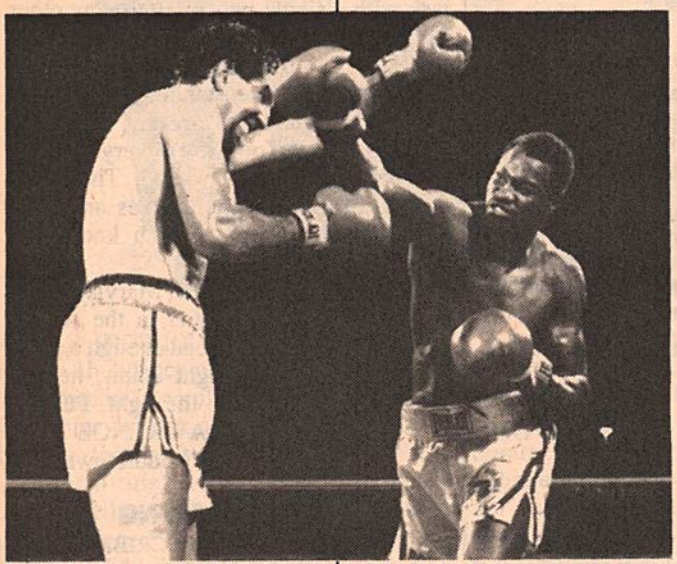
by Nigel Collins

COONEY QUITS

When the phone call arrived at *The Ring*'s editorial office informing us that Gerry Cooney had announced his retirement, the unanimous response was a loud and emphatic "FROM WHAT?"

Cooney has been a case unto himself. Never in the long history of pugilism has a fighter received so much hype (and money) and done so little fighting. Needless to say, *The Ring* will not be carrying a 10 page spread cataloging the glories of Gerry's ring career, basically because there were none. The closest the Long Island heavyweight ever came to glory was his brave, albeit losing, fight with Larry Holmes. Although he got his clock cleaned in that one, Gerry showed both power and courage in defeat—traits he could have built upon had he only possessed the desire to pick up the pieces and resume his career. As it turned out, Cooney only fought twice in the 37 months between his loss to Holmes and his announced retirement. And those were little more than lucrative gym workouts.

Cooney claims he called it quits because he realized he would never get a chance to fight Holmes again. This, like most of the things Gerry has said the last couple of years, has to be taken with a grain of salt. He has repeatedly assured the press that he wanted to fight, only to spend most of his time in hibernation. Some cynics even figure Cooney's "retirement" is only temporary, and that he will be back as soon as there is a heavyweight champion he figures he can beat. If that's the case, and knowing Gerry's monumental inferiority complex, we've probably seen the last of Cooney's ring exploits.



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Gerry Cooney recently made his first official retirement announcement. He is seen here, on the left, wincing as Larry Holmes attacks during their 1982 battle for the heavyweight championship.

ANOTHER GREAT IS GONE

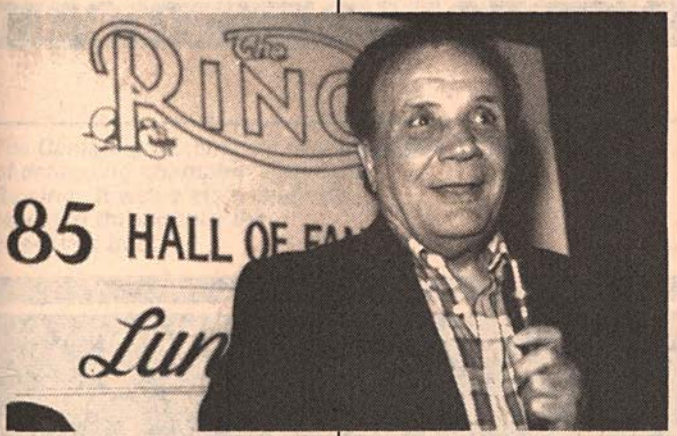
It was both sad and shocking to learn of the premature death of great Mexican featherweight Vicente Saldivar, at the relatively young age of 42, of an apparant heart attack. Saldivar was one of the best fighters Mexico ever developed, and that's saying a lot when one considers the vast number of quality ringmen that nation has produced. A classy all-round craftman, who could box as well as punch, Vicente won the world featherweight title with a 12 round knockout over Sugar Ramos, September 26,, 1964. He successfully defended the belt eight times against top-flight competition before announcing his retirement in October of '67. Saldivar was still champion at the time, and following a layoff of over a year, he returned to the ring, re-winning the 126-pound crown with a 15-round decision over Johnny Famechon, May 9, 1970. However, by this time the brilliant little Mexican was running out of steam, and was stopped by Kuniaki Shibata in his next outing, losing the championship in the process. He got another crack at his old title against Eder Jofre in 1973, but was kayoed in four and hung up his gloves for good with an overall record of 37-3, withh 26 knockouts. During his first title reign, Saldivar was considered just about unbeatable at 126-pounds. Adios, Vicente. It was a privilage to watch your art.

MARVELOUS MADNESS

Just when you thought it was safe to open the mail from Panama City again, the World Boxing Association comes up with a new bit of craziness. This time the gentlemen who run the WBA have decided it's time to threaten Marvelous Marvin Hagler again—some-

Adios, Vicente. Great Mexican featherweight Vicente Saldivar died recently at the age of 42. He will be missed by all who admire true artistry in the ring.

Round One



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Jake LaMotta makes his acceptance speech after being inducted into The Ring's *Hall of Fame at a Manhattan awards luncheon.*

thing of a pastime among the Alphabet Boys. (Remember when the WBC tried the same crap earlier this year?) The WBA is peeved because Hagler has signed to defend his undisputed middleweight title against John (The Beast) Mugabi instead of James Shuler, their top contender.

"We will not allow our rules to be violated. Before fighting Mugabi, Hagler must face Shuler," said WBA president Gilberto Mendoza. "As soon as he (Hagler) steps into the ring to fight Mugabi, he will lose the title."

Mendoza's cohort, Dr. Elias Cordova, chairman of the WBA's championship committee, apparantly doesn't even want to wait until fight night to defrock Marvelous Marvin. "I have stripped Hagler of the title because he hasn't defended against the leading available contender within the required period," stated Cordova while in South Africa for the Qawi-Crous bout.

The whole affair borders on the ridiculous. Hagler has never ducked a worthy opponent in his life, a fact that both Mendoza and Cordova are well aware of. But what makes this latest WBA mandate even more stupid is the fact that Shuler is fighting Thomas Hearns on the same bill as the Hagler-Mugabi match. Shuler's purse will more than match the sum he would have received as Marvin's challenger and the Philadelphian is also assured of the next shot at Marvin—providing he get past Hearns. If Shuler is happy with the deal, why is the WBA squawking?

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PART I

For those fans who like their boxing on the raw side, the September issue of *Playgirl* is a must. Hector (Macho Man) Camacho will be appearing in a pictorial layout—sans clothing. I guess we will finally find out just how *macho* Camacho really is.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PART II

Trainer/manager Emanuel Steward and promoter Bob Arum are chewing their nails over Thomas Hearns' latest hobbie. It seems that the "Hit Man" has taken up drag racing. Hearns has already had his 1974 Nova Super Rod up to 136 mph on a quarter mile track and is hoping to go even faster in future runs. "I tried to talk him out of it," said Steward. "I get nervous just thinking about it." But after eight minutes of hell with Marvin Hagler, Tommy probably finds the challenge of the dragstrip relatively peaceful.

ROSEN DUST

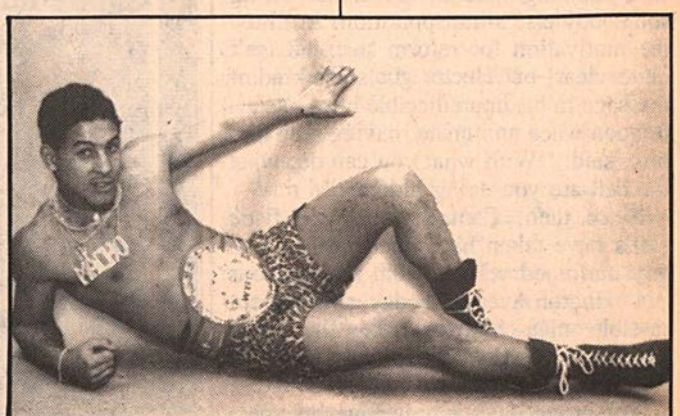
A nine-foot bronze statue in memory of the USA ammateur team killed in a 1980 plane crash was unveiled at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs . . . Boxing wildchild Bobby Chacon, had his probation restrictions tightened by a Butte County judge after the former world champion pleaded guilty to breaking parole following his arrest on alcohol and traffic violations. Magistate Brian Rix ordered Chacon, 33, to halt the use of alcohol, participate in an alcohol treatment program, submit to surprise drug and alcohol tests and refrain from patronizing liquor stores and taverns . . . A New Jersey state administrative law judge has recommended that Bob Lee, acting state boxing commissioner, be fined and suspended for soliciting contributions for the USBA and IBF from fight promoters and casino executives.

PUNCHLINES

Loquacious promoter Don King, singing the praises of Spanish radio blow-by-blow commentator Jose Valdivielso: "Joe does the most exciting radio I've ever seen."

A sarcastic Larry Holmes, upon learning that former opponent Gerry Cooney has announced his retirement: "Boxing won't be able to survive without him."

Hector (Macho) Camacho will be wearing a lot less clothing when he appears in the September issue of Playgirl magazine.



THE "MACHO MAN" RIDES AGAIN

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOLLOWING CAMACHO'S DAZZLING VICTORY OVER RAMIREZ

BY JACK WELSH

LAS VEGAS—WITH THE KIND OF fleetness The Man upstairs bestowed on Hector Camacho, you wonder why the recycled juvenile delinquent ever wasted his time stealing cars in New York's Spanish Harlem.

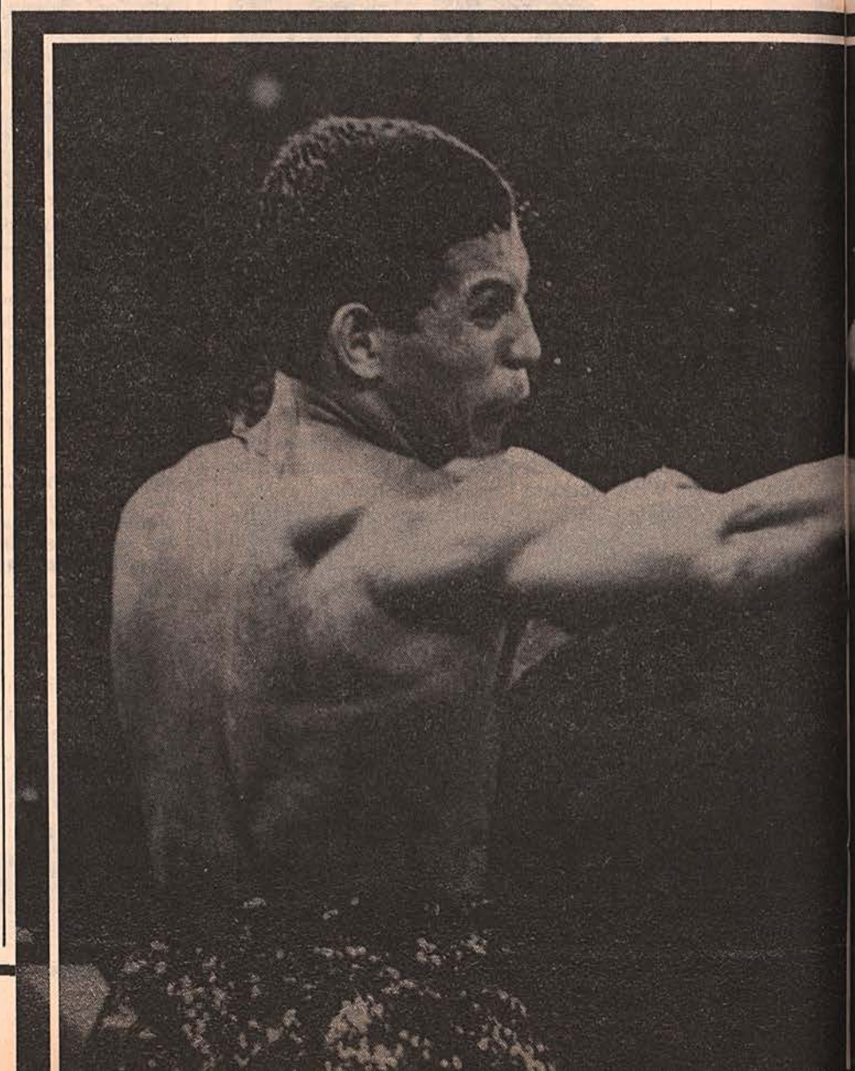
The now legalized fist fighter was only 15 at the time, and after a handful of probations, which never stirred the id of Camacho's basic morality, there wasn't a legal beagle left in Fun City who could make the even most patient judge believe that Hector's repeated exercises were "only a teen-ager's mischievous game."

When the judge's gavel finally fell on Camacho, it brought him three and a half months in dreary Rikers Island for grand theft. It was the culmination of court action that originated when police apprehended Camacho in a Pinto after a 30-block chase through Manhattan.

Despite winning the first of three Golden Gloves titles and being the father of a newborn son, this handsome young man, who first touched New York soil as a three-year-old when his family departed Bayamon, Puerto Rico, really never understood those clever hands were meant for something more noble than hot-wiring somebody else's transportation. Just how the motivation for reform surfaced isn't quite clear, but Hector got some kind of message in his unpredictable head one afternoon when an inmate, having seen him box, said: "With what you can do, what the hell are you doing in here?"

Since then, Camacho's superb fistic skills have taken him much farther than any purloined vehicle from the environs of Lexington Avenue. Today, as this irrepressible man-child describes it, "The Macho Man" is legit—in and out of the ring.

Yet in the days approaching his spectacular mesmerizing of Mexico's Jose Luis Ramirez last August at the Riviera hotel-casino in Las Vegas, the newly-crowned World Boxing Council lightweight champion did not lose that disarming smile of his when reflecting on the hyper moods that were to finally land him in the slammer.



The Camacho jab smacks into the face of defending champion Jose Luis Ramirez. It was a sight that was repeated throughout their one-sided bout.

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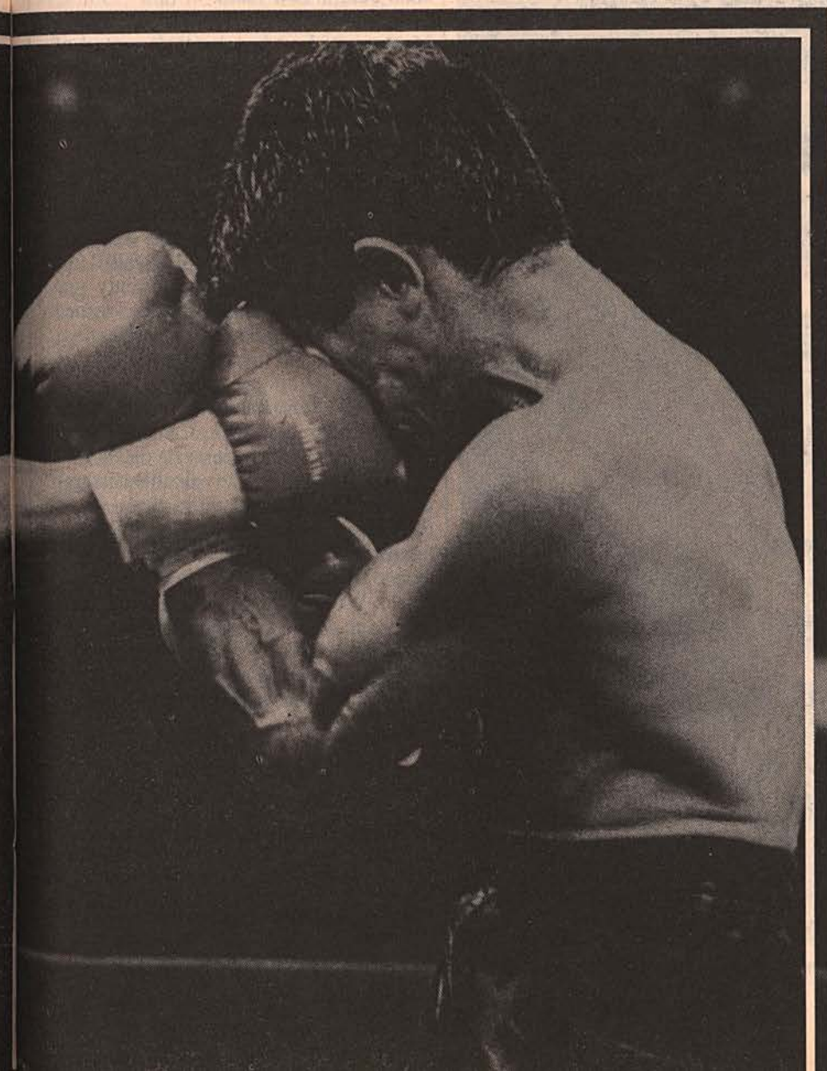


"It was my way of having fun," Camacho said. "If I stole a car, in my mind I was borrowing it. It was just a part of a game, I'm young . . . 15 or 16, see? I'm having fun. Can I get away with it or not, a game, right?

"We only took the very best cars. If anybody asked me about it, I said they belonged to my uncle. We took good care of them too, washing and buffing them before returning them. There was a story that we always filled them up with gas before returning them, but that part is exaggerated. I think somebody started it because I once filled up a car with gas and drove off without paying for it. There was a time when we once tried to steal a car that had a flat tire. That never happened again."

Before, during and after his strike-and-vanish performance over the 26-year-old Ramirez for his second world title, Camacho used every poly in the book—and some yet to be recorded—to substantiate it was Macho Time because, "I'm the kid of 80s who's going to take over boxing."

With Muhammad Ali now a legend of glowing memories and Sugar Ray Leonard only touching the sport with television commentary, the never-beaten Camacho just might be the bigger-than-life personality to take over boxing's international box office. Sure, Marvelous Marvin Hagler is still front and center, but the undisputed middleweight champion has

never been a gimmick guy. And we all know how TV loves that extra dash and flash.

The Riviera hotel-casino's SuperStar Center on the Strip was indeed the proper venue to display Camacho's aptitude for the outrageous. The 135-pound dynamo left his imprint as a young man who has no peer in any division for bedazzling foe and fan alike. An international assembly of 6,000 watched Camacho make good on most promises, despite missing his 17th knockout while extending his victory string to 28 straight.

Super-hyped in and out of the ring, Hector beat a loud drum for promoter Don King's well-anointed "El Momento de la Verdad" (The Moment of Truth). Camacho reportedly earned $500,000 in his latest ascension to a boxing throne, $100,000 more than Ramirez's guaranteed purse. Still, it was the richest in the unflappable Mexican's 12-year pro career, a venture that brought him 50 pesos ($4.20) for his 1973 debut in the province of Sonora. Yet the way King, resplendent in all-white duds, was wringing his hands, and gurgling "Macho Time," a seven-figure demand by Camacho and his connections may not be unreasonable in the coming months.

Admittedly, there was a time after winning the WBC super featherweight crown from a fading Rafael "Bazooka" Limon in 1983 that Camacho became disenchanted with the politics and chicanery of the business. A running feud and ultimate break with Billy Giles, the only manager/trainer he had known going back to his amateur days, also hampered Hector's rise. There were some anxious moments when it appeared despondency might kayo the usually-fiery Latin from Manhattan. Hector also had trouble making the 130-pound limit and finally gave up the crown after one defense. When Camacho looked across the ring at Ramirez, it was only his sixth bout in two years.

Fortunately, the well-travelled Jimmy Montoya of Los Angeles took control of Camacho's career 10 months ago. It proved a bona fide Latin Connection of harmony and respect where the horizon is now unlimited in rewards for both parties. The 45-year-old Montoya, preparing his charge first in New York and later at his own gym in Bell, California, unquestionably had Camacho in the best condition of his career. The fight plan called for non-stop movement against a gutty tortoise out of Culiacan, Mexico named Ramirez, whose plodding, if unrelenting, style cost him a fifth loss in a 90-5, 74 KOs, career.

When the stoic Ramirez was never able to hit the darting, weaving Camacho twice with the same punch, it was a defect that not only made Camacho a double champion, but also gave Montoya three world titleholders under his command. Hector brings unmatched flamboyance to Montoya's triumvirate which includes undefeated WBC bantamweight king Richie Sandoval, and WBC junior featherweight champ Juan "Kid" Meza. Montoya, who can be as verbally explosive as his fighter, but draws from maturity to control it,

Promoter Don King joins a multi-belted Camacho in center ring for the post-fight victory celebration. It was the second world title for Hector, who relinquished the WBC super featherweight belt because of weight-making problems.

never wavered in his confidence that "the public will see the fastest Camacho ever." Hector didn't let his mentor down.

The salvo that sent Ramirez to his knees in the third round also created a bloody nose which continued to drip until the final punch of the night. Though Jose Luis bled freely, x-rays disclosed no fracture.

"Hector fought the perfect fight . . . everything went exactly as we planned it," Montoya claimed. "There was never a situation where we had to alter our attack. I told Camacho that if he didn't get Ramirez between the first and sixth rounds, to forget about a knockout. I just wanted him to take it easy and coast because we had the title in sight, and didn't want to blow it on a late-round fluke.

"Make no mistake, Hector Camacho is the fastest boxer in the world bar none, and he's going to get better and better. Anybody who thought Camacho couldn't do that against a seasoned pro like Ramirez, who we never took lightly, has another thing coming."

The new WBC champion confirmed his handler's sentiments.

"This fight went as I predicted because I said I'd be dangerous in the early rounds and I was," Hector reminded. "When I dropped Ramirez, I got a little excited and missed some combinations. The guy is strong, but I wanted to make him miss and that's what I did by holding, spinning him, and turning him to the center of the ring.

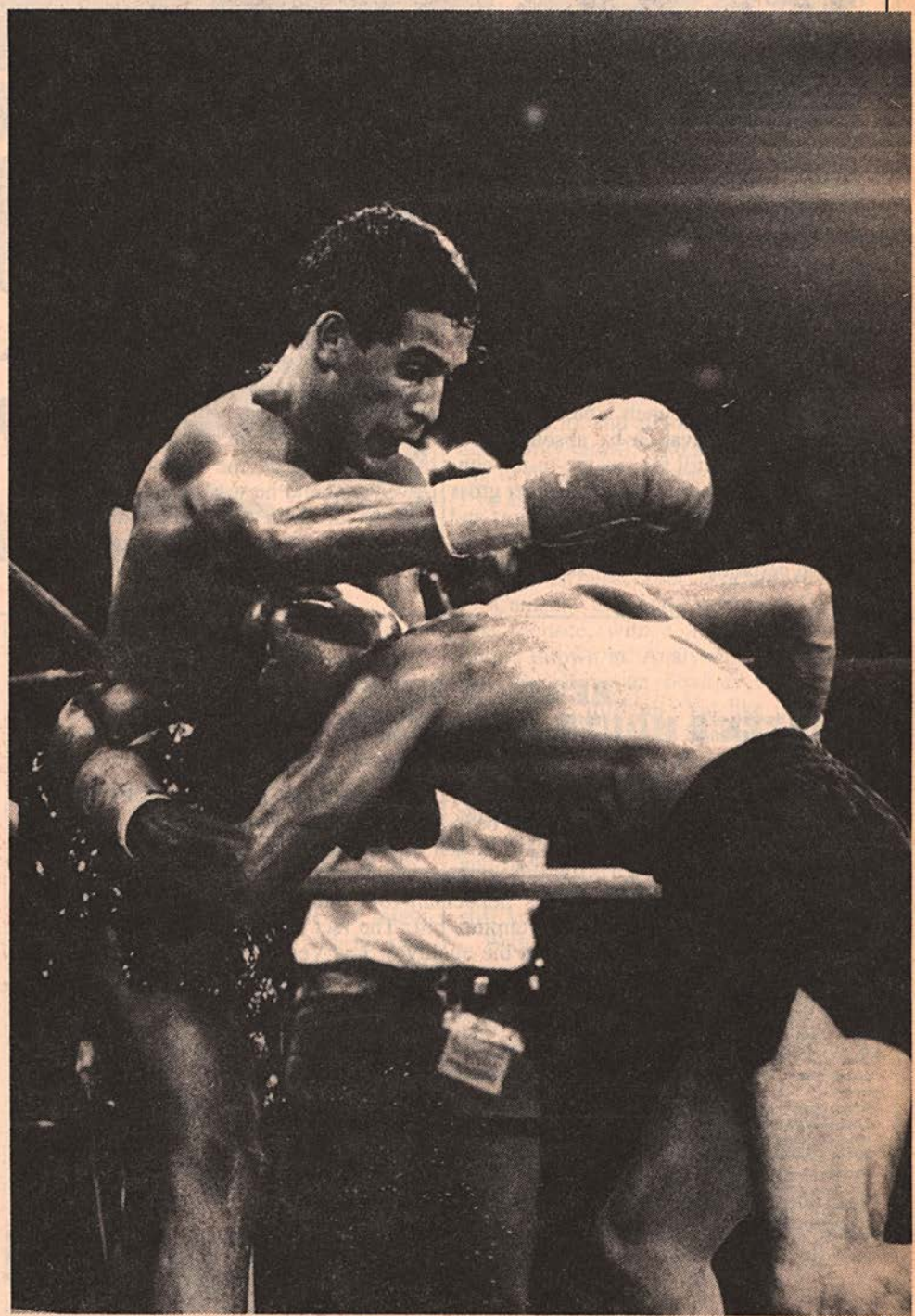
"I knew I was the better fighter and puncher, and I think I proved it. I really thought I'd knock him out in the early rounds, but I was going to get messed up and sell myself cheaply like (Edwin) Rosario did."

Camacho's inference was the previously-undefeated Rosario decking Ramirez in the first and second rounds last November in San Juan, and then losing the crown when Jose Luis took him apart with brutalizing left hooks for a fourth-round technical knockout.

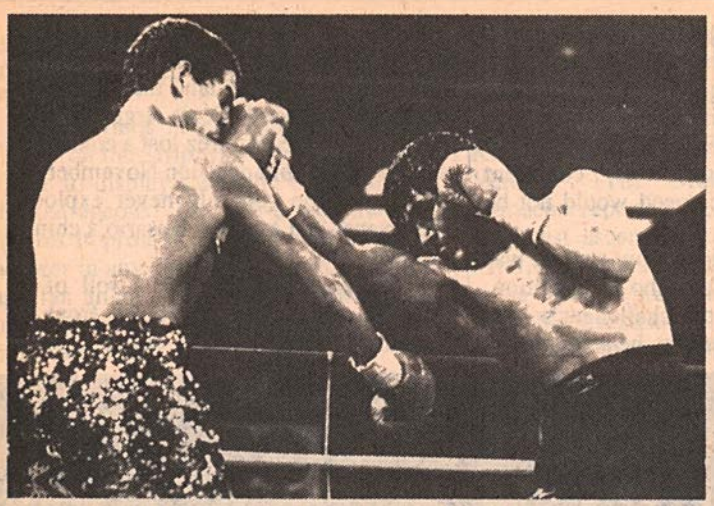
Ramirez anticipated the same treatment for Camacho, who admittedly doesn't want his smooth olive features rearranged by anybody, but the cardinal sin that ended Jose Luis' mini-reign of 10 months was the frustrating fact he could never match Camacho's lightning in any category. Like his connections (trainer Ramon Felix and adviser-interpreter Ernesto Fuentes), the defending champion was confident Camacho's fantastic speed would not be a serious problem.

Ramirez, a notorious slow-starter, was certainly equal to Camacho in condition, weighing 134¾ to the challenger's 134. And with few exceptions, he seldom took a backward step in his patented stalking of the tormenting blur that was Hector. But at no time did he land the kind of left hooks that dropped Alexis Arguello twice at Miami where Ramirez lost a controversial 10-round split decision November 14, 1980. And he certainly never exploded the arsenal that exposed Rosario's chin as suspect.

Of course, Rosario, on a roll of 23 straight, was right there in front of Ramirez, trapped in a corner. Never



Camacho, who admits he'll do anything he can get away with in the ring, pulls down on the back of Ramirez's neck. Although referee Mills Lane issued several warnings, he never took any points away from the Macho Man.



One of the few occasions when Ramirez managed to tag Camacho with a clean shot to the head.

Camacho. The game's newest Will 'O the Wisp maintained lateral movement throughout, going left to right . . . right to left, and even punching while backing up. Although many of Hector's flurries were an inch short, or slapped away by Ramirez, the ratio in the exchanges of punches was still 2 to 1 in Camacho's favor.

Camacho showed respect for his opponent's vaunted punch, but added to Ramirez's aggravation by absolutely refusing to standstill for any toe-to-toe confrontation. Jose Luis made one other gross miscalculation on Camacho. Ramirez and his strategists figured the king of hype would certainly wilt after "seven or eight rounds of a torrid pace." They were right about the pace, wrong about the wilting.

"Camacho was too good for me tonight, just too fast. I couldn't catch him," said a disappointed Ramirez a day after missing the post-fight media session. "I'm sorry I hurt my wrist in the second round because it would have been a better fight. I had to change my style because it hurt when I tried to punch. I figured I have to chase Camacho through the early rounds, but not the whole fight.

"Camacho is the fastest fighter I've ever seen and he was a lot smarter than I expected. With the exception of Ruben Olivares (who stopped Ramirez in three rounds in 1978), Hector is the best fighter I've ever faced."

Ramirez wore a heavy bandage on his left wrist before catching the flight to his home in Culiacan where he lives with his wife and three children.

Camacho had made it clear he has little regard for the rules of the ring, and would try to get away "with whatever the referee lets me because nothing is going to keep that title away from me."

But referee Mills Lane, a district attorney in Washoe County (Reno), probably has an easier time than expected, considering Camacho's reputation for grabbing and clutching an enemy torso. Mills did warn Camacho three times—in the third, eighth and ninth rounds—for grabbing Ramirez behind the head, but later explained "no points were deducted because Hector didn't pull his head down and immediately let go on my command."

Amazingly, neither fighter was cut around the eyes, even though their heads collided three times despite Camacho's constant lateral retreats in refusing to let Ramirez trap him on the ropes. Unfortunately, Hector dominated so thoroughly in establishing pace and punch, each succeeding round was a carbon copy of the last, prompting many ringsiders to rate the production "boring."

Though he never came close to decking Ramirez after the third-round fireworks, Camacho did light the crowd's ire in the 11th round when the fighters collided at

BERBICK SHUTS GREEN'S MOUTH ON RIVIERA UNDERCARD

HEAVYWEIGHT MITCH (BLOOD) GREEN, WHO SPECIALIZES IN DISRUPTING other fighters' press conferences, has been a thorn in Don King's side for some time. In order to get the abrasive New Yorker off his back, the promoter gave him a shot at Trevor Berbick's USBA title in the hope that Berbick would teach Green some manners. Trevor fulfilled his policeman role, outpointing Green over 12 one-sided rounds on the Camacho-Ramirez bill. The fact that the decision was of the majority variety says more about the quality of Las Vegas fight judges than it did about the fight itself. Berbick won as he pleased, with Green showing little but the ability to absorb punishment. Berbick, now 29-4-1, 22 knockouts, is hoping King will reward him with a crack at one of the world champions. Green fell to 15-1-1, 10 kayoes. The referee was Joey Curtis.

Julian Jackson, 153¼, Virgin Islands, TKO'd Jose Padilla, 154, San Diego, 1:22 into the third round of a scheduled 10. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Rogue (Rocky) Montoya, 137, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Roberto Lino, 137, Los Angeles, 10. Curtis, referee.

Louis Howard, 146¼, Phoenix, TKO'd Rafael Gomez, 148, San Antonio, 1:26 into the third round of a scheduled six. Mills Lane, referee.

Tony Montoya, 122, Salt Lake City, decisioned Alvaro Ramos, 121¾, Phoenix, six. Padilla, referee.

Bobby Baltazar, 136¼, Los Angeles, KO'd Ubaldo Castillo, 138¼, Phoenix, in the second round of a scheduled four. Curtis, referee.

Luciano Solis, 126, Mexico, TKO'd Augustine Serros, 126, San Jose, 1:54 into the third round of a scheduled six. Padilla, referee.

The main ekvent was televised live by HBO.

Timekeeper—Charlie Roth.

Don King Productions.

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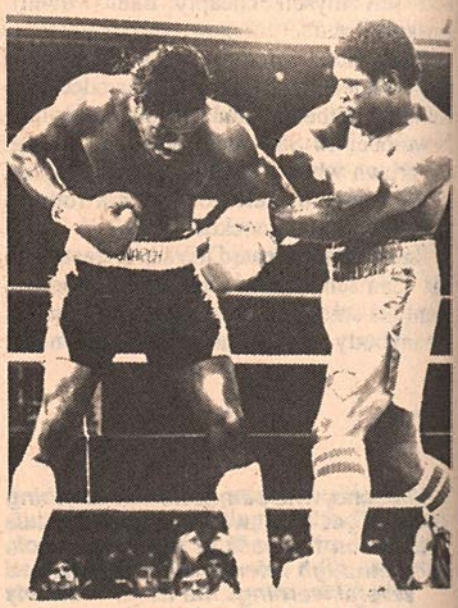
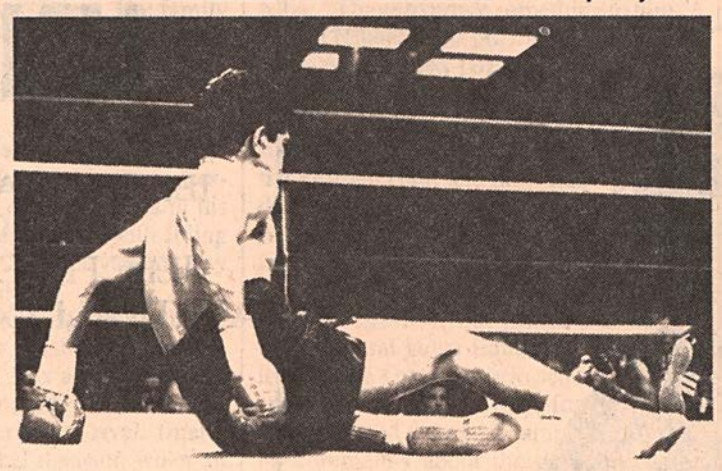


Trevor Berbick (right) clubs Mitch Green with a right to the noggin on his way to a 12-round decision in defense of the USBA heavyweight title.

Ramirez (right) comes out on the short end of an exchange of southpaw jabs.



Champion on the deck. Ramirez struggles to regain his feet after Camacho floored him with a series of potent combinations in the third.

mid-ring and Jose Luis boomeranged off, landing heavily on his back.

Other than national loyalty, Mexican fans had little to cheer about, but the intense Ramirez did rouse them in the ninth, 10th, and 11th rounds when he caught Camacho with several snapping rights which made the wide-eyed Puerto Rican pinion the champion's arms in an octopus-like clamp. Despite his ravings and rantings, Camacho seemed to have an honest respect for Ramirez, who was his twin in height at 5'6".

"Ramirez was the champion, so he could predict and say anything he wanted about pressuring me and cutting the ring off," Hector smiled. "But I knew I was going to dominate the fight in every round. However, Ramirez is very strong and very calm. He kept coming back.

"Jose never hit me twice with the same punch, but he did land some good shots. He got me with a body shot . . . I don't remember the round because it hurt. Yes, he was strong, but I knew I hurt him more than just the knockdown because I saw his eyes blinking with that hard jab I had."

It was an easy assignment for the international panel of judges. England's Harry Gibbs and Mike Jacobs had it 118-111, and 119-109, respectively, for Camacho, while Newton Campos of Brazil made it unanimous with a 119-112 tally. Incredibly, Campos called the fifth, eighth, ninth, and 10th round even. *The Ring's* ballot was 118-111 for the new champion.

Had not Camacho's assortment of jabs, hooks, and uppercuts left Ramirez punching at air, the innovative challenger might have blinded the champion with his pre-fight attire, an ensemble which would make Liberace seem ultra-conservative. Trying to hide a smile as he entered the ring, Camacho spun out of a sequined red, white and blue cape depicting the flag of his native Caribbean Island home, revealing a second iridescent rainbow-hued sequined robe. Absolutely no fighter in history was ever draped in such splendor, replete with matching sequined shoes.

MEGA-BUCKS ARE RISING ON THE horizon, and Camacho and Montoya don't want a single one to get away. Long before you stumbled onto this communique, we've probably read where New York Mayor Ed Koch gave the Macho Man a key to the city and a Latin counterpart bestowed a similar honor down in San Juan. Though the new champion has been on an unbridled happiness roll, the time is drawing near for discussions of a title defense.

"After this fight, every fight should be a million dollars—a million dollars for me, that is," Camacho quipped. "I'll fight everybody because there's a lot of talent out there. Wilfred Gomez (World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion) came up from San Juan to see me. If he wants to fight, I'll be glad to retire him because he's smaller, slower and older.

"If Mancini doesn't retire, they can bring him on and I'll retire him. He's the All-American boy who they made a movie about only because his father was a fighter. I have no respect for Mancini, but it's a big money fight. That goes for Livingstone Bramble (WBA lightweight champion), Jimmy Paul (International Boxing Federation ruler), Tyrone Crawley, Rosario, and all the rest. I had a manager (Billy Giles), who said I was drowning in drugs. Well, look at me now . . . I've already won two titles, and I hope to get a third. If conditions are right, maybe a fourth."

One west coast observer described Hector Camacho as a Latin version of Dennis The Menace, with a little latent Willie Sutton thrown in. Analyzing the champion, who faces an obvious struggle to maturity, is difficult. Yet like it or not, this newest rose from Spanish Harlem is the fastest gun in the east, west, north or south. Hector Camacho, a machine-gunning talker/puncher, has the kind of hands that now enables him to wear leather suits and furs, and drive a prestigious Lamborghini instead of hot wiring some poor stiff's sedan on Eighth Avenue.

With his magnificent all-around generalship, maybe it's not so important whether he's shooting real bullets or semi-blanks. But some of the purists still wonder how Camacho would emerge from a true fire-fight at mid-ring.

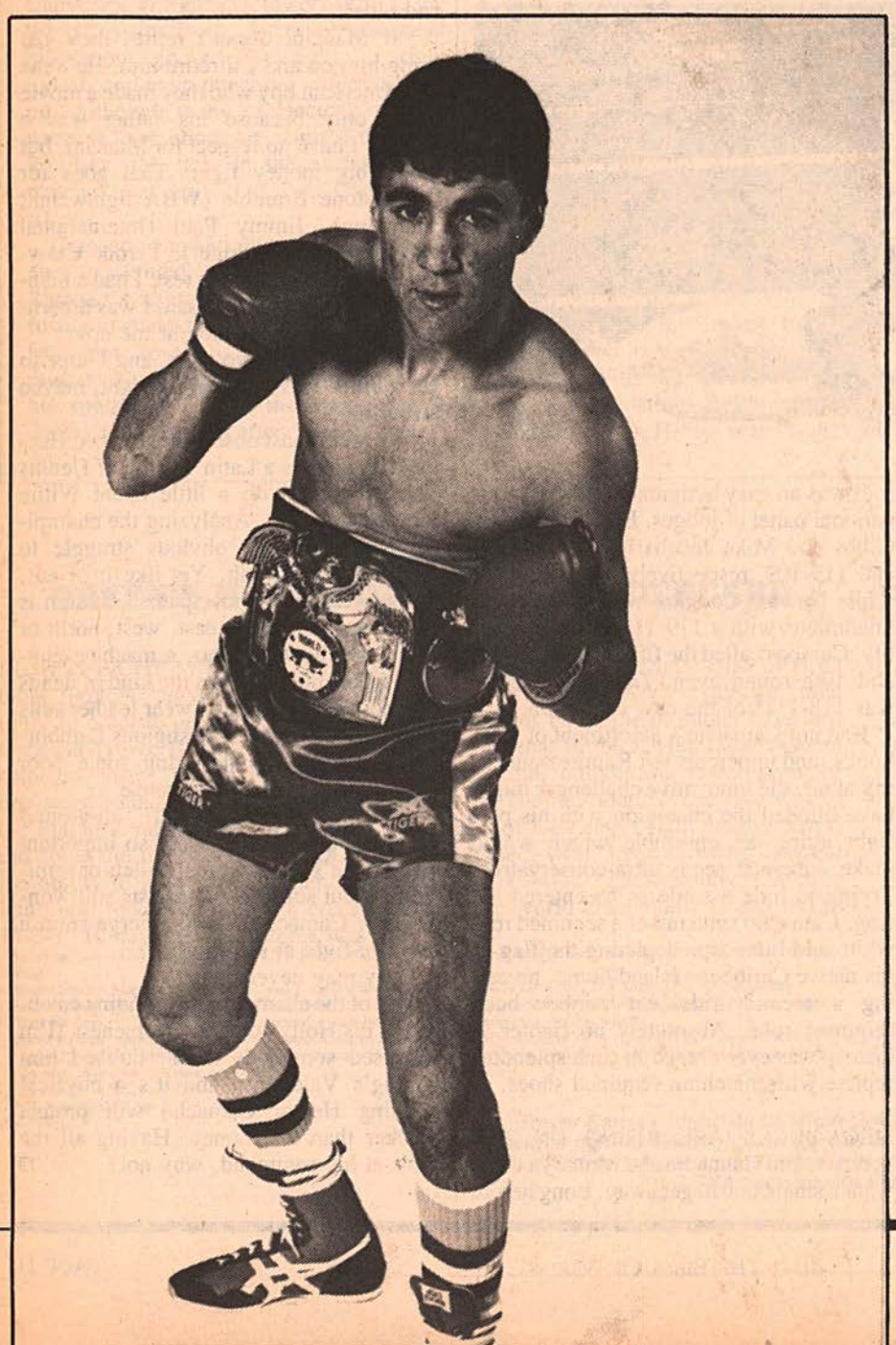
They may never know.

Part of the champion's expending celebrity is his Hollywood handsomeness (I'm surprised somebody hasn't dubbed him boxing's Valentino) and it's a physical blessing Hector Camacho will protect quicker than his money. Having all the tools at his command, why not? □

BOXING ON THE UPSWING DOWN UNDER

IBF BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION JEFF FENECH LEADS AUSTRALIAN REVIVAL

By Ray Mitchell



IBF bantamweight Jeff Fenech won a world title just 196 days after he turned professional—a record for modern boxers.

Photo by Ern McQuillan

BOXING IS CURRENTLY ENJOYING A boom Down Under. Australians have always been good fight fans, but, in recent years, they haven't had too much to cheer about. The land of kangaroos and koala bears has produced some decent fighters, but no native world champions since Johnny Famechon held the featherweight title back in 1968-70. But all that suddenly changed with the ascendency of a pair of Aussies to International Boxing Federation titles. They have captured the imagination of the fans and press alike, enabling the sport to flourish once again.

A garrulous Barry Michaels, who is never at a loss for words, holds court at ring center following a victory over Frank Ropis. Barry now owns the IBF junior lightweight title, upsetting Lester Ellis in a match that created a lot of interest among Australian fans.

Although two IBF titles are currently held by Australians, the story of the country's rediscovered interest in the Sweet Science is closely linked with the careers of three boxers. Two, Jeff Fenech and Lester Ellis, are "golden boys," while the third, Barry Michael, is a grizzled veteran who has blossomed in the autumn of his career.

Chronologically, the rebirth of big-time boxing in Australia begins with Lester Ellis. A sickly youth who suffered from asthma until he took up boxing. Ellis immigrated from England with his mother and father when he was three. The family settled in Sunshine, a suburb of Melbourne, and by the time Lester was 16, he was the national amateur bantamweight champion.

Ellis turned professional in April of 1983, stopping Ben Lappori in three. Lester was promoted to eight-rounders in his next outing and came through with flying colors, disposing of 75-fight veteran Roy Hughes in two rounds.

Next came a scheduled 10 against Brian Roberts, the former Australian bantamweight champion. It was a tough test for only his third pro bout, but Ellis out-fought his vastly more experienced rival, finally winning on a technical decision when an accidental clash of heads opened a dangerous cut over Roberts' eye. Lester was ahead on points at the time.

Ellis continued to brush aside opponents with relative ease, finishing his rookie year with three more knockout victories.

The 1984 season got underway with Ellis making his first appearance in Melbourne, where he stopped New Zealand titleholder Jeff Smith in eight rounds. Five more inside-the-distance wins followed, but his promoter finally found someone capable of giving Ellis a bit of seasoning. Welshman Steve Sims, an aggressive banger, lasted the full 10 rounds, but lost by scores of 100-87, 99-89, and 99-90.

Following an easy decision over Kyoshi Sasaki, Ellis was matched with world-rated John Sichula for Sichula's Commonwealth junior lightweight title. The fight, held at Melbourne's Festival Hall, was a hard one. The decision was split, but in favor of Ellis. Sichula's manager blew a fuse, calling it the worst decision he'd ever seen, and demanded a rematch. Although video tapes of the match indicate that Ellis won a close fight, Lester still looks forward to an eventual rematch.

"I want to fight Sichula again," said Ellis. "I have to prove something to him."

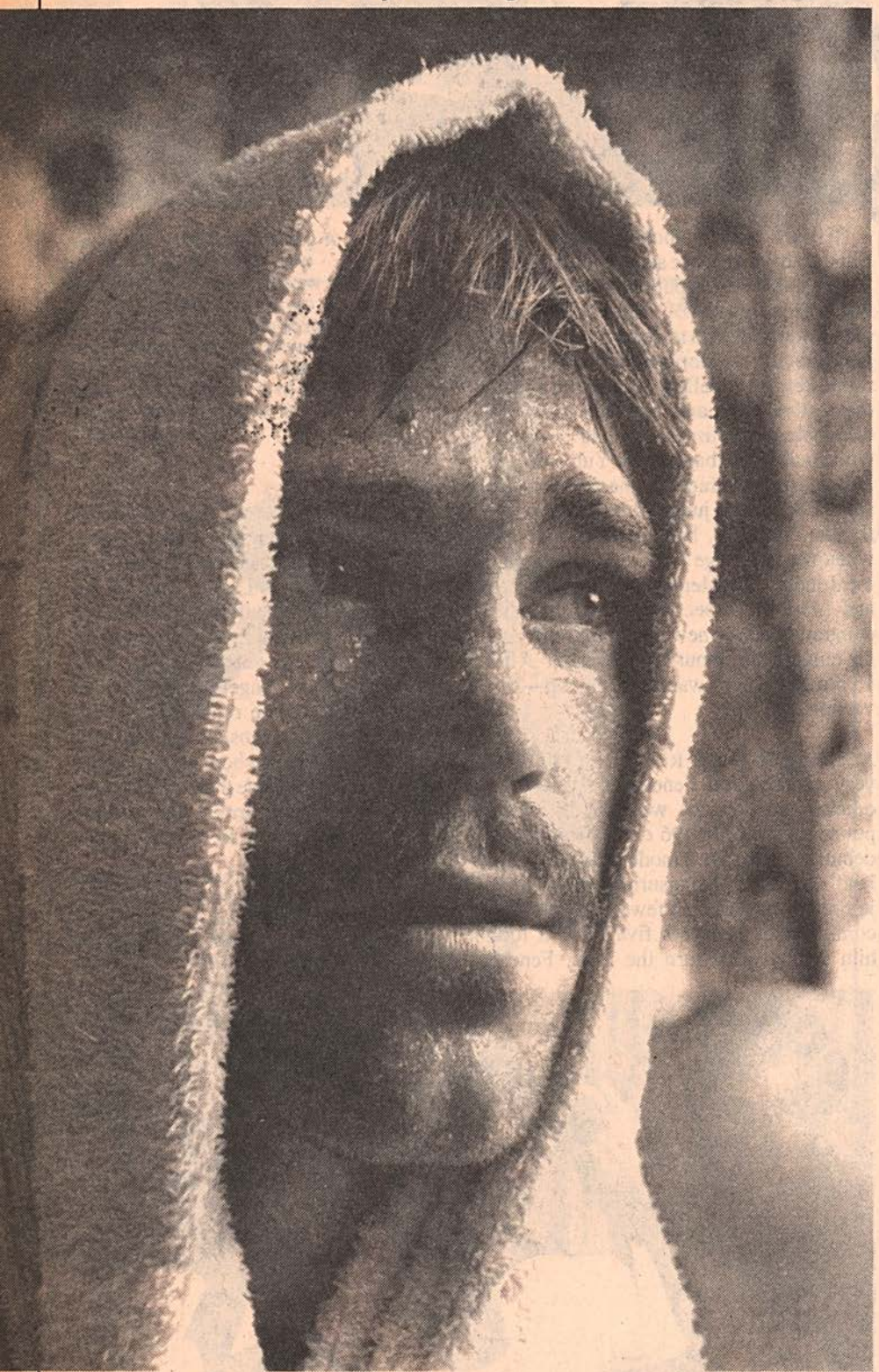
The rematch was put on the backburner when Sita signed IBF 130-pound champion Hwan-Kil Yuh to defend against Ellis in Melbourne, February 15, 1985. The fight drew an excellent crowd of 6,400 to the Festival Hall, and they didn't go away disappointed. Ellis always had problems with southpaws, but he beat Yuh convincingly despite the fact that the decision was split. The Korean judge voted for his countryman, 147-144, but justice was served when neutral judge Eduardo Velasco and local judge Gus Mercurio scored 147-143 and 145-142, respectively, for Ellis. Yuh congratulated the new champion, offering no complaints about the decision. After 15 pro starts, Ellis was world champ—IBF version, anyway.

ALTHOUGH ELLIS REACHED THE TOP very quickly, Jeff Fenech got there even quicker. In fact, he won the IBF 118-pound crown only 196 days after his pro debut, a record for a modern boxer. Thailand's Saensak Muangsurin won the WBC junior welterweight in fewer fights (three, compared to Fenech's five), but it took him 241 days to turn the trick. Fenech beat him by 45 days.

Fenech, from the Sydney suburb of Merrickville, first put on a pair of gloves when he was 17. He has been trained from the start by Johnny Lewis, one of Australia's most respected conditioners. Jeff only had 28 amateur fights, winning 23. He represented his country in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, winning his first two bouts before running into some bad luck against Yugoslav Redzap Redzapovski. Jeff won the bout on the judges' scorecards, only to have their verdict overruled by the newly-formed jury system. Redzapovski went on to win the silver

A battered but happy Lester Ellis is flanked by promoter Hank Stanley (left) and former world featherweight champion Johnny Famechon.

Lester Ellis overcame childhood asthma to become Australian amateur champion by the age of 16. He became IBF junior lightweight boss in his 15th pro outing.



medal, but most Australian fans figure that the medal really should have gone to Fenech.

The crushing loss at the Olympics only made Jeff more determined to win a professional title.

"I will turn professional and win a world title," said a disgusted Fenech when he returned home. "I'll show them."

Jeff didn't mess around. He turned pro in October of '84 in a scheduled 10-rounder against experienced Bobby Williams, topping the bill in his very first paid contest. He stopped Williams in the second, and was off and running in his bid for world honors.

Two weeks later, Jeff was back in the same ring at the Merrickville RSL Club, pounding out a seventh round kayo over Percy Israel, a tall but outclassed featherweight.

In his third fight, Fenech faced Junior Thompson in a bout billed for the vacant Australian junior bantamweight championship. Thompson visited the canvas once in the third and twice more in the fourth, prompting the referee to stop the fight and award Jeff his third straight knockout victory.

Fenech rounded out his first year as a pro with an easy blastout over Iliesa Manila in Suva.

Next up was Wayne Mulholland, a fighter known for his hand and foot speed. Fenech had no trouble tracking him down. He decked Mulholland for the first time in his career in the fourth and then floored him again in the fifth. Mulholland's corner threw a towel into the ring and the fight was stopped. The victory, before a SRO crowd at the Dapto Leagues Club, also earned Jeff three more regional bantamweight titles—New South Wales, Pacific, and South Seas.

At this point in Fenech's career, Bill Mordey came into the picture. A former newspaper man, Mordey promoted Jeff's next fight at the Sidney Showgrounds, drawing a wildly enthusiastic crowd of almost 5,000. In the opposite corner was Filipino southpaw Rolly Navarro. Fenech made the more experienced Navarro look like a novice, dominating the fight to such an extent that fans began talking about "the poor little Filipino," despite the fact that Rolly actually weighed a pound more than Jeff. The end came in the fourth round with Navarro taking the full count. It was obvious that Fenech was ready for bigger game.

APRIL 26, 1985 WAS PROBABLY THE biggest night in Australian boxing in re-

cent memory. The success of both Ellis and Fenech had rekindled interest among the print media and now television got into the act—in a big way.

Channel 9 televised Ellis' first title defense against Rod Sequenan live from Melbourne, with Channel 7 showing Fenech's bid for Satoshi Shingaki's IBF bantamweight belt later the same evening. All-in-all, it proved to be a night to remember.

Ellis had his hands full with southpaw Sequenan. Rod jolted Lester with practically his opening punch and continued to hold the upper hand over the first three frames. But Ellis is rugged, courageous, and *very* determined. He hung tough, and, by the 12th round, was ahead on two of the three official scorecards. Then in the 13th, a left hook shook the challenger to his foundations and Lester poured on the punches—forcing a stoppage to retain his crown.

Fenech did an even better job than Ellis, battering Shingaki the entire way as the 5,000 fans inside Hordern Pavilion whooped it up. The brave Japanese never went down, but was out on his feet when referee Bruce McTavish wisely terminated proceedings in the ninth round.

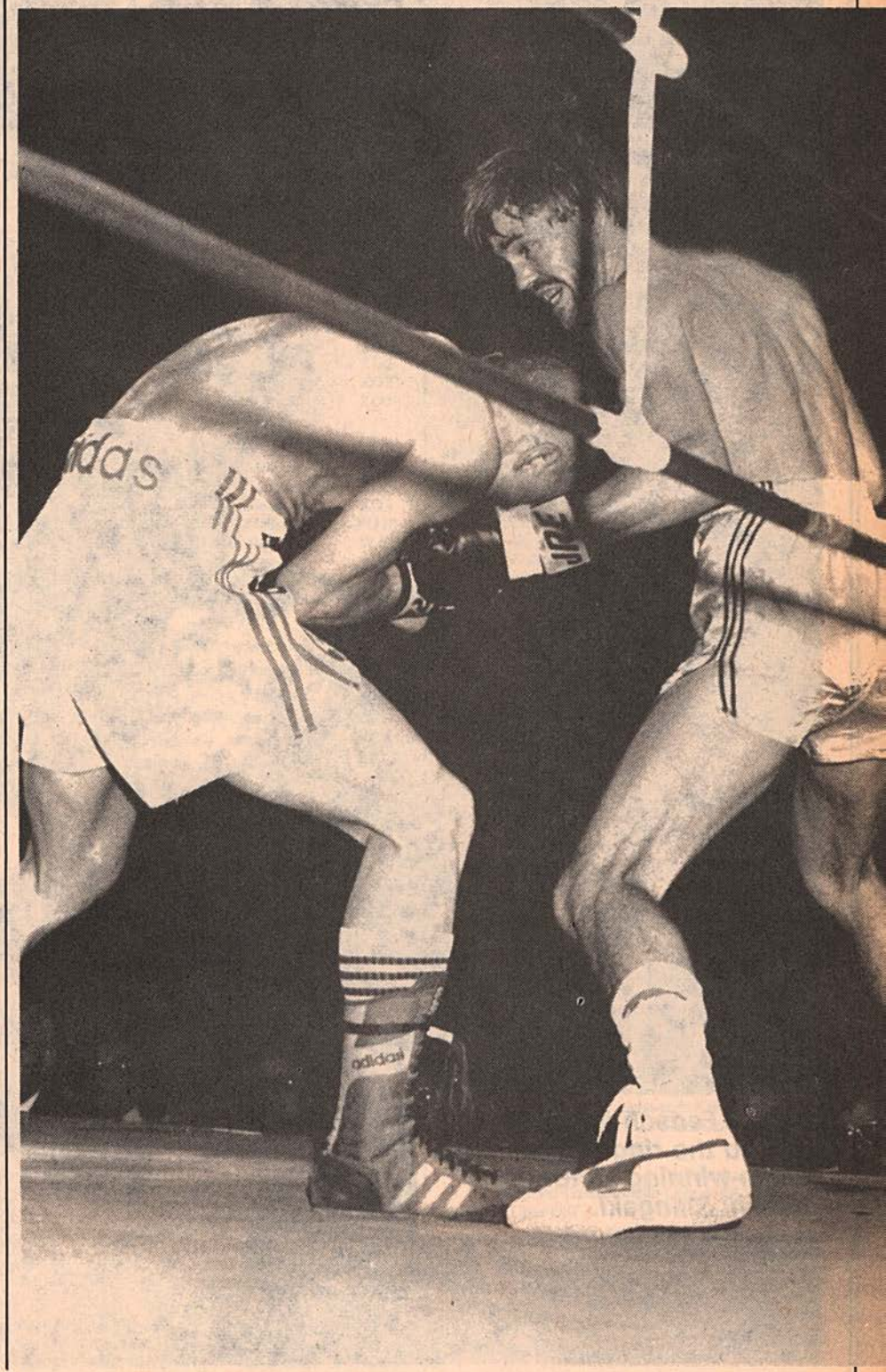
Despite the one-sided nature of the bout, Shingaki's management protested the stoppage to the IBF. But that's understandable; they weren't in the ring with Satoshi taking punishment. The proposed rematch went to purse offers, but two days before the deadline, the Japanese withdrew their bid.

In order to stay busy while awaiting his first defense, Fenech tackled John Matienza in June, putting him away in six and bringing his overall log to 8-0—all knockouts.

WHILE ELLIS AND FENECH WERE grabbing all the headlines and glory, old pro Barry Michael—the Australian and Commonwealth lightweight champion—was coming on strong during the twilight of a productive career that had begun back in 1973. He had failed in a bid for the OPBF 135-pound title in 1984 when Indonesia's Juhari held him to a draw in Djakarta. But 1985 started on a high note when Barry decisioned young hotshot Graeme Brooke over 12 rounds to gain the Commonwealth title he had lost to Claude Noel in 1982. Brooke, who had won the title from Noel, was unable to hang onto it against the rejuvenated Michael.

While both Fenech and Ellis are clean-cut, polite types, Michael is perceived by

Lester Ellis (left) mixes it up with Hwan-Kil Yuh on his way to a ninth round knockout and the IBF junior lightweight title.



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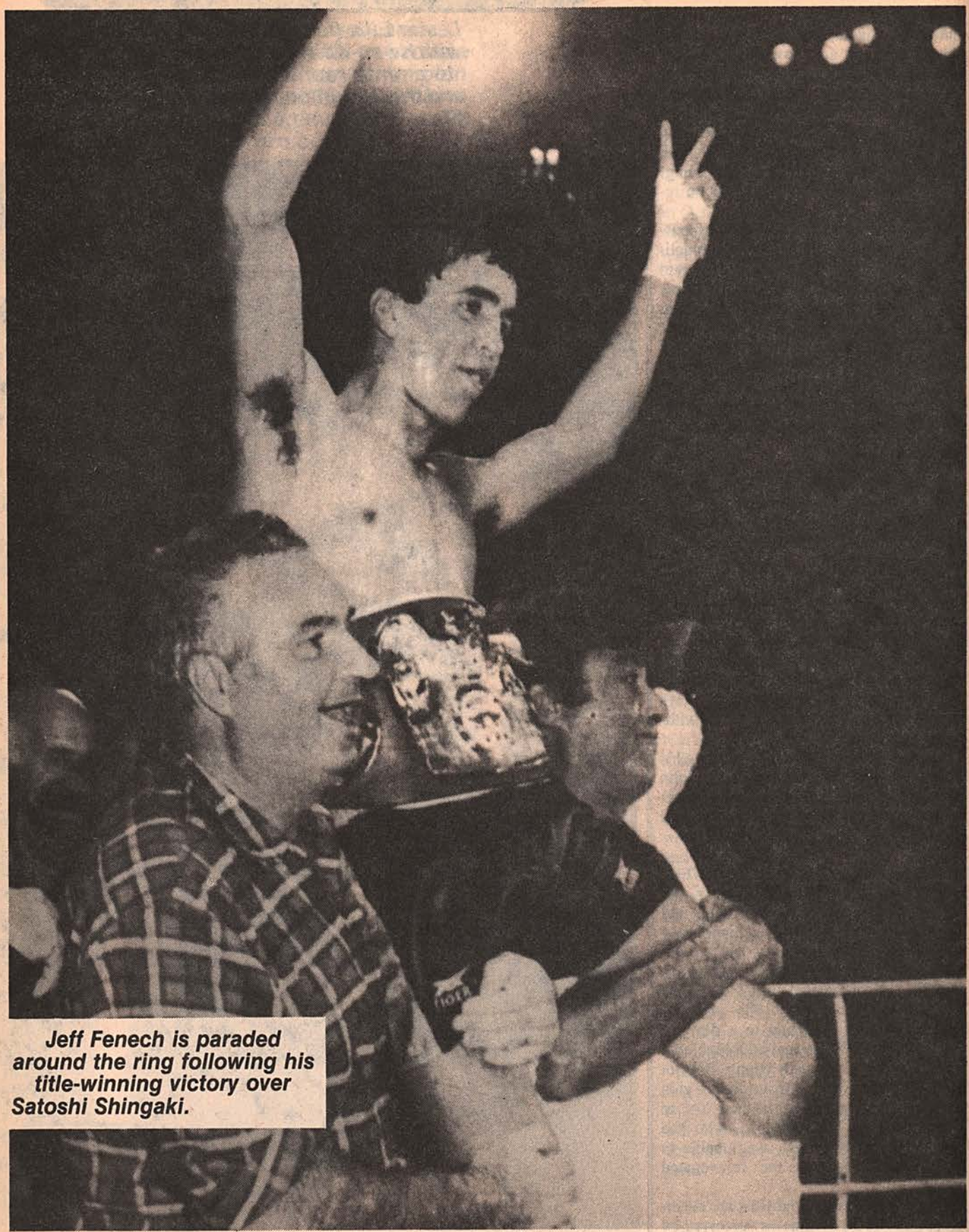

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Jeff Fenech is paraded around the ring following his title-winning victory over Satoshi Shingaki.

Australian fans as something of a loud-mouthed braggart. Barry had been the mainstay of boxing in Melbourne for many years, and when Ellis began to get all the publicity, a natural rivalry was born. The war of words between the two fighters finally led to a showdown for Ellis' IBF title, and another capacity crowd packed Festival Hall to witness the grudge match on July 12.

Michael had not fought at the 130-pound limit in nine years, and there was a lot of speculation about how much the drop in weight would weaken him. As it turned out, Barry retained his strength and had more than enough energy to outfight the man eight years his junior.

Ellis began the fight in fine fashion, sweeping the first three rounds. Then, in the fourth, he appeared to be taking a breather, perhaps pacing himself for the 15-round distance. Veteran Michael took advantage of the situation, getting on top and never letting Ellis regain control. It was an exciting contest all the way, but when the final bell rang, it was obvious to all that Michael was the new champion. The official scores were 147-139, 147-140, and 145-140.

In the aftermath of his shocking loss, some observers feel that Lester is in dire need of a new trainer. He is currently handled by his brother Keith, who also had a hand in promoting some of Lester's early fights. At 22 years of age, there is still plenty of time for him to bounce back. Just look at what happened to Michael.

Fenech, Michael, and Ellis are not the only Australian fighters of note. There are capable men such as national welterweight champion Brian Janssen; veteran bantam Paul Ferreri, who still hold the Commonwealth belt at age 37; Australian junior lightweight champion Tony Miller; veteran welterweight campaigner Jeff Malcolm; and current Australian junior middleweight titleholder Ken Salisbury.

Maybe the biggest factor in Australia's boxing comeback is that all the recent matches involving IBF titles have been nationally televised. The ratings have been good, and, providing the stars continue to win, we may have only just seen the tip of the iceberg. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF JEFF FENECH

IBF Bantamweight Champion
Born: May 28, 1964, Sydney, Aus.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1984		
Oct. 12	Bobby Williams	Marrickville	KO 2
Oct. 26	Percy Israel	Marrickville	KO 7
Nov. 30	Junior Thompson	Marrickville	KO 4
	(Won Vacant Australian Junior Bantamweight Title)		
Dec. 15	Ilesia Manila	Suva, Fiji	KO 2
	1985		
Feb. 1	Wayne Mulholland	Dapto, NSW	KO 5
	(Won Vacant New South Wales Bantamweight Title)		
Mar. 4	Rolly Navarro	Moore Park	KO 4
Apr. 26	Satoshi Shingaki	Moore Park	KO 9
	(Won IBF Bantamweight Title)		
June 14	John Matienza	Moore Park	KO 6

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
8	8	0	0	8

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF LESTER ELLIS

Former IBF Junior Lightweight Champion
Born: March 15, 1965, Blackpool, Eng.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1983		
Apr. 24	Ben Lappori	Preston	KO 3
June 25	Roy Hughes	W. Heidelberg	KO 2
Oct. 6	Brian Roberts	Tottenham	TW 8
Nov. 17	Gary Williams	Tottenham	KO 2
Dec. 1	Charlie Andrews	Shepparton	KO 2
Dec. 15	Kirk Blair	Tottenham	KO 5
	1984		
Feb. 13	Jeff Smith	N. Melbourne	KO 8
Mar. 9	Dennis Talbot	Melbourne	KO 3
May 20	Norm Stevens	W. Heidelberg	KO 6
May 30	Lindsay Roberts	Melbourne	KO 1
July 4	Ritchie Fowler	Melbourne	KO 10
Sept. 14	Steve Sims	Melbourne	W 10
Oct. 18	Kyoshi Sasaki	Melbourne	W 10
Nov. 16	John Sichula	Melbourne	W 12
	(Won Commonwealth Junior Lightweight Title)		
	1985		
Feb. 15	Hwan-Kil Yuh	Melbourne	W 15
	(Won IBF Junior Lightweight Title)		
Apr. 26	Rod Sequenan	Melbourne	W 15
	(Retained IBF Junior Lightweight Title)		
July 12	Barry Michael	Melbourne	L 15
	(Lost IBF Junior Lightweight Title)		

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
17	16	1	0	11

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF BARRY MICHAEL

IBF Junior Lightweight Champion
Born: June 2, 1965, London, Eng.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1973		
June 18	Mick McLean	Melbourne	W 3
June 25	Gary Leggett	Melbourne	W 3
July 23	Mick McLean	Melbourne	W 3
Aug. 6	Neil Hankin	Melbourne	W 3
Oct. 15	Dale Doherty	Melbourne	KO 2
Oct. 22	Glen Howard	Melbourne	W 3
Nov. 19	Mick Maybury	Melbourne	KO 3
	1974		
Feb. 4	Des Pearce	Melbourne	W 4
Feb. 18	Jimmy Brown	Melbourne	L 6
Apr. 19	Dally Law	Melbourne	D 6
	1975		
Mar. 7	Mick O'Brien	Melbourne	KO 4
Apr. 11	Glen Howard	Melbourne	W 6
Apr. 28	Willie Leslie	Melbourne	W 6
June 2	Robbie Williams	Melbourne	KO 3
Sept. 4	Glen Howard	N. Melbourne	W 10
Sept. 25	Keith Ball	N. Melbourne	W 10
Nov. 20	Andy Broome	N. Melbourne	W 10
	(Won Vacant Victoria State Lightweight Title)		
	1976		
Feb. 26	Dave Richards	Blacktown	W 10
Apr. 23	Dave Richards	S. Melbourne	W 12
	(Won Vacent Victoria State Junior Lightweight Title)		
Sept. 4	Nene Junior	Cebu City	L 10
Nov. 26	Wongso Suseno	Surabaya	W 10
Dec. 22	Billy Moeller	Orange	L 15
	(For Commonwealth and Australian Junior Lightweight Titles)		
	1977		
May 4	Joey Gibilisco	Melbourne	W 10
Sept. 11	Juan Jose Gimenez	Surabaya	L 10
Sept. 29	Spurling Pharangeburn	Djakarta	W 10
Oct. 16	Fred Ramashie	Surabaya	W 10
	1978		
Jan. 24	Domenic Marano	Melbourne	W 10
Apr. 28	Jeff Malcolm	Melbourne	L 10
June 16	Kevin Franklin	W. Heidelberg	KO 3
Aug. 12	Billy Mulholland	Coonabarabran	W 15
	(Won Australian Lightweight Title)		
Nov. 15	Billy Vivian	Merthyr	W 10
Dec. 26	Lennox Blackmoore	Georgetown	KO 7
	1979		
Feb. 2	Blackeney Matthews	Williamstown	KO 8
	(Retained Australian Lightweight Title)		
Feb. 18	Lucky Gattellari	Moore Park	KO 3
	(Retained Australian Lightweight Title)		
July 5	Najib Daho	Aberavon	L 8
Dec. 19	Jimmy Brown	Williamstown	KO 1
	(Retained Australian Lightweight Title)		
	1980		
Apr. 19	Manny Ysrael	Footscray	W 10
Sept. 17	Graham Bell	Mt. Pritchard	KO 6
	(Retained Australian Lightweight Title)		
Dec. 17	Jimmy Brown	Melbourne	KO 15
	(Retained Australian Lightweight Title)		
	1981		
Jan. 7	Willi Tarika	Gosford	W 12
	(Retained Australian Lightweight Title)		
Feb. 8	Big Jim West	Melbourne	W 10
May 6	Langton Tinago	Melbourne	W 15
	(Won Commonwealth Lightweight Title)		
July 20	Dave McCabe	Melbourne	KO 7
	(Retained Commonwealth Lightweight Title)		
Sept. 14	Al Carter	Melbourne	W 10
Dec. 11	Willi Tarika	Melbourne	KO 10
	(Retained Commonwealth and Australian Lightweight Titles)		
	1982		
Apr. 14	Augustin Rivera	Melbourne	W 10
July 22	Claude Noel	Melbourne	L 15
	(Lost Commonwealth Lightweight Title)		
Sept. 7	Mike Anderson	Honolulu	W 10
Oct. 18	Nacho Jimenez	Honolulu	W 10
	1983		
Feb. 16	Frank Ropis	Melbourne	KO 11
Aug. 29	Tomas Chavez	Brisbane	W 10
	1984		
Feb. 26	Jerome Artis	Pt. Melbourne	W 10
Apr. 14	Juari	Djakarta	D 12
	(For OPBF Lightweight Title)		
Nov. 30	Juan Arroyo	Melbourne	KO 8
	1985		
Feb. 22	Graeme Brooke	Melbourne	W 12
	(Regained Commonwealth Lightweight Title)		
July 12	Lester Ellis	Melbourne	W 15
	(Won IBF Junior Lightweight Title)		

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56	46	8	2	14

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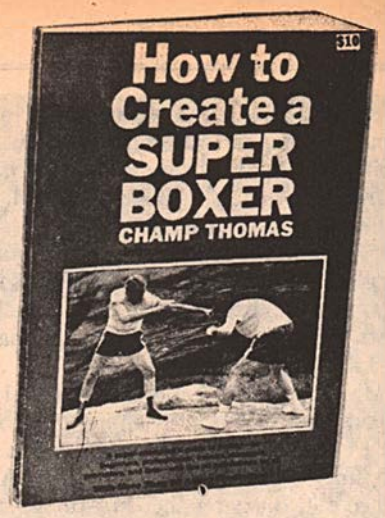

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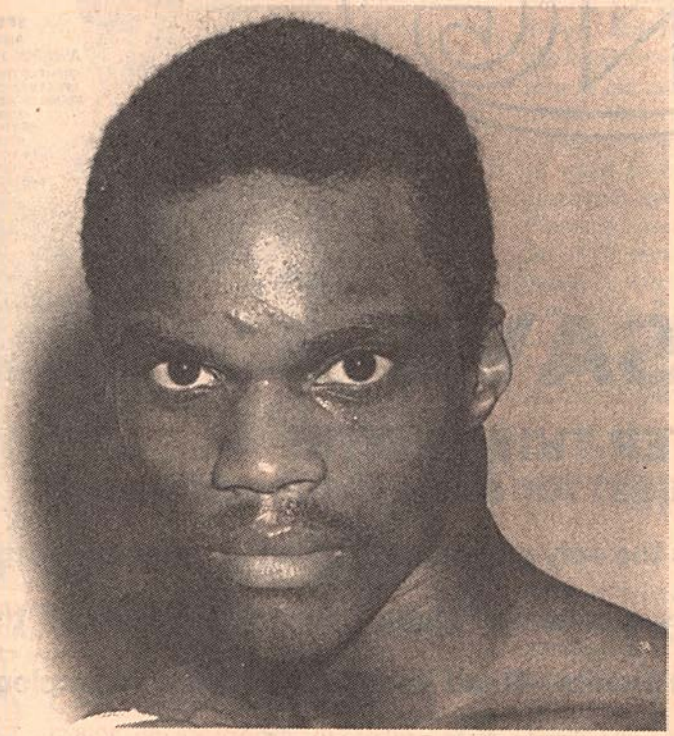
JOHN WESLEY MEEKINS



"IN TWO YEARS, JOHN MEEKINS WILL be, pound for pound, the best fighter in the world," trumpets Bob Arum, the man guiding Meekins' destiny. "The next Donald Curry," adds the hyperbolic promoter, who often psyches himself into believing his own bull. But in this case, Arum's got more than a "puncher's chance" of being right. Meekins can also box, he's dedicated, and a "natural."

New Yorker Meekins started boxing when he was 16 at the Parks and Recreation Department Gym in the St. Albans section of Queens. He was like manna to veteran trainer/manager Al Joyner, who handled Jimmy Slade, Sonnyboy Williamson, Roy Carter and Leon Washington in the past, but never had a world champion.

"He was phenomenal from the time he started," Joyner claims.

The fighter attributes his quick success in the ring to his vast experience as a street fighter.

"It's a jungle out there," informs Meekins. "They smoke, drink, get high, and it gives them a sense of power. They don't want you to even look at them. If they step on your shoes, they don't say 'excuse me.' I wasn't a trouble-maker, but I was ready if trouble came my way."

As a matter of fact, Meekins drifted into boxing because he wanted to improve his street-fighting technique. His sister suggested the place to learn was the gym. Her idea proved a good one. Meekins' amateur career took off, and from then on he restricted his fighting to the boxing ring.

Meekins won the New York Golden Gloves and went on to battle through some of the top amateurs in the country on the road to the 1984 Olympics. John's quest for a berth on the US team ended when he lost to Jerry Page, the eventual gold medalist, in the box-offs.

Just after his 19th birthday, Meekins decided to turn professional. "I had to make a crucial decision," he says. His job, packing auto parts, was interfering with his training because the strong chemical fumes made him sick. So he quit and now devotes all his time to boxing.

Meekins has the benefit of a real veteran in Joyner. Al knew Top Rank's Teddy Brenner when Teddy was matchmaker for Madison Square Garden and when he realized just how good Meekins could be, he signed his young charge to a promotional deal with Arum.

He (Arum) showed me a real sweet contract," comments Meekins.

So far, Meekins' career has been right on target. He has racked up seven straight wins against standup opposition, finishing each adversary inside the distance.

"I don't have to pick bums, because he can really fight," assures Joyner.

Meekins has shown the kind of fearsome power that comes from perfect execution, not just raw strength. His seventh round kayo over fellow prospect Ozzie (The Wizard) O'Neil also proved that he can take it almost as well as he dishes it out. O'Neil landed plenty of bombs before Meekins cut him down, providing fans with a thrilling brand of boxing that can only enhance John's gate appeal.

Meekins' parents died when he was young and he grew up in the homes of various relatives. But his parents are still very much in his thoughts.

"I think about them a lot. I want their names to carryon. That's why I prefer that people use my full name in the ring: John Wesley Meekins," explains Meekins.

A professed Christian, Meekins knows he has a promising future and is determined to make the most of it. Married, with a son and daughter, he admits to few interests outside of boxing and the church.

"I'm blessed," he confides. "God smiled on me and I'm grateful. I really love boxing. I like being victorious and appreciated by people. I want to showcase my God-given talent."

If Bob Arum has anything to say about it, Meekins will be doing exactly that.

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF JOHN WESLEY MEEKINS

New York, New York junior welterweight
Manager: Al Joyner
Amateur record: 22-2

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1984		
Oct. 19	Carlos Ruiz	New York	KO 1
Nov. 14	Murray Frazier	Atlantic City	KO 3
Dec. 27	Mel Richardson	Atlantic City	KO 3
	1985		
Feb. 14	John Rafuse	Atlantic City	KO 3
Mar. 7	Roger Brown	Atlantic City	KO 3
May 2	Jose Luis Alejandro	Atlantic City	KO 3
June 5	Ozzie O'Neil	Atlantic City	KO 7

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7	7	0	0	7

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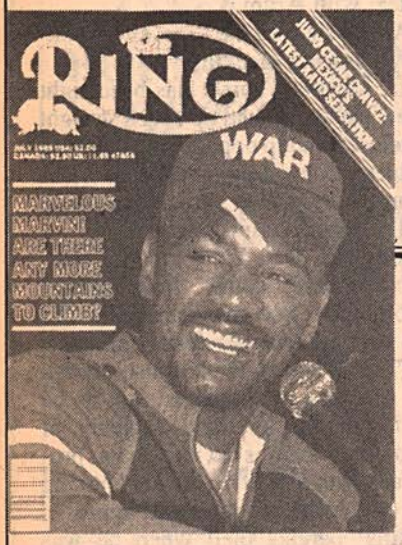

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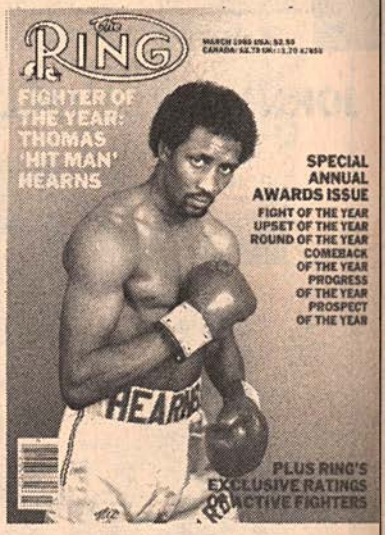

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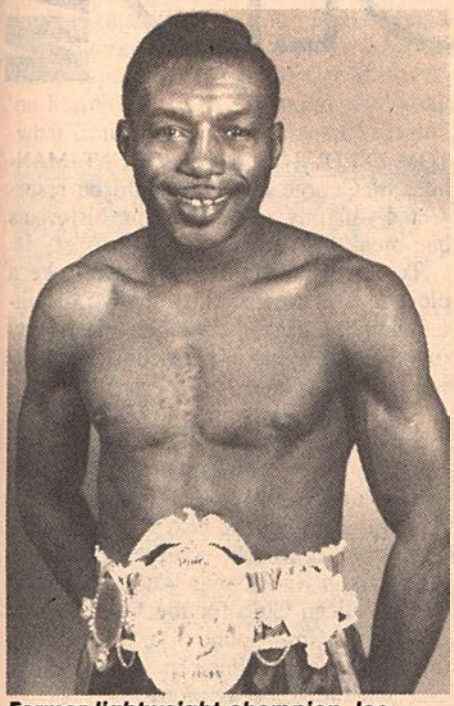
ASK THE ANSWERMAN

by Herbert G. Goldman



Former lightweight champion Joe Brown proudly displays the championship belt awarded to him by *The Ring*.

Q Could you give me a little information on Joe Brown, the lightweight champion of the late 1950s and early '60s?

—JAMES A. ROWLETT
Medford, Oregon

A *Old Bones, as Brown was called, was one of the lightweight division's most durable and most worthy champions. Brown had his first pro bout, a four-round decision over Leonard Caesar, in New Orleans on September 3, 1943, but military service prevented him from having any more fights until January, 1946. For the next 10 years, he fought the best men in the feather, light, and welterweight divisions—Sandy Saddler, Freddie Dawson, Johnny Bratton, Teddy Davis, Virgil Akins, Orlando Zulueta, and Isaac Logart, among many others. Joe won the world lightweight title with a split decision over Wallace (Bud) Smith at the Muncipal Arena in New Orleans on August 24, 1954 and cemented his hold on the crown with an 11th round TKO over Smith at the Miami Beach Auditorium the following February. After 10 more successful defenses, a 36-year-old Brown lost the crown to young Carlos Ortiz via a unanimous decision at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Brown was past his best, but he continued fighting. Joe was 44 when he had his last fight—a 10-round decision over Ramon Flores in Tucson, Arizona on April 24, 1970. Among those Brown defeated as world lightweight champion were Ralph Dupas, Kenny Lane, Johnny Busso, Paolo Rosi, Dave Charnley, Cisco Andrade, and Bert Somodio.*

Q Can you print the address of an association for boxing historians?

—THOMAS J. HOGGAN
Santa Teresa, N.M.

A *Here it is again: John Grasso, pres., Int. Boxing Research Organization, P.O. Box 84, Guilford, New York 13780.*

Q Where can I write to former light heavyweight contender James Scott?

—EDDIE RENDON
Inez, Texas

A *c/o Rahway State Prison, Rahway, N.J. 07450.*

Q How many times has Larry Holmes successfully defended the heavyweight title?

—JEFF HAWKINS
Bennington, Vt.

A *Twenty. That includes his fight with Carl (The Truth) Williams.*

Q Can you give a little information on Dave Sullivan, who held the world featherweight championship in 1898?

—SEAN MADDEN
Cork, Ireland

A *Dave and his brother, Spike (a top lightweight in the '90s) were born in Cork in the 1870s and brought to the U.S. in boyhood. Dave began his professional boxing career in Boston in 1894, but his first crack at a world title came against Pedlar Palmer at London's National Sporting Club on October 18, 1897—a 20-rounder for the bantam crown that saw Dave lose on points. He won the world featherweight title from Solly Smith at Coney Island on September 26, 1898, but lost it to George Dixon less than two months later. Sullivan continued boxing until 1905, when Kid Herman Landfield knocked him out in the ninth round in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He died in County Cork in 1929.*

Q When did the flyweight class come into being?

—MATT GOLDBLATT
Yonkers, N.Y.

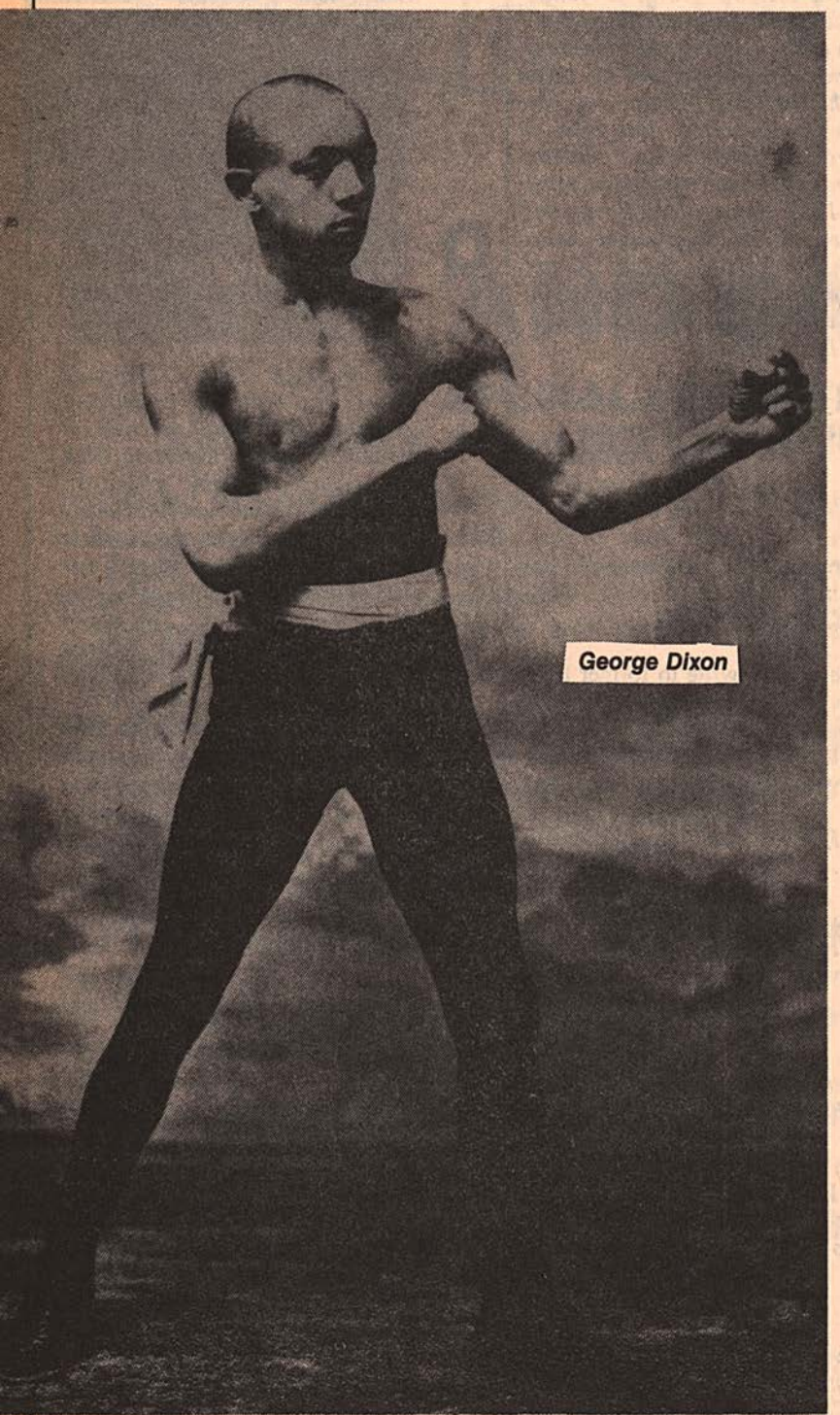
A *The flyweight class (112-pound limit) was officially established on February 11, 1909, when Great Britain's National Sporting Club adopted a list of eight "standard" divisions. There had previously been a paperweight class, with a weight limit of either 95, 105, or 108 pounds, depending on the period and the locality. The newly formed New York State Athletic Commission of 1911 did not recognize the flyweight class, but reestablished the paperweight division at 108 pounds. The New York State Commission was dissolved in 1917. Another New York Commission, organized under the Walker Law in 1920, recognized the same weight limits the N.S.C. had established in 1909—including the flyweight division at 112.*

Q Did Memphis Pal Moore ever hold the world bantamweight title?

—ALBERT JACKSON
Montgomery, Ala.

A *Moore claimed the title after he outpointed Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle on April 10, 1918, but was never accorded general recognition. (Ertle's claim to the crown stemmed from a victory over world champion Kid Williams—on a foul in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round no decision bout at the St. Paul Auditorium on September 10, 1915.*

SOLID GOLD MAN



George Dixon

TOM O'ROURKE, LATE GREAT MANager of George Dixon, should be resurrected—if only so that boxing historians can break his neck.

To understand why, one must take a close look at the history of the world bantamweight and featherweight titles. Having a natural sympathy for editors of boxing record books helps, too.

The story starts around 1885, when Tommy (Spider) Kelly of Harlem laid claim to the world bantamweight (105-pound) title. Kelly lost and regained this crown twice over the next five years.

In 1890, O'Rourke accepted an offer to have Dixon fight Nunc Wallace in London's Pelican Club for the vacant world eight-stone, four-pound (116-pound) title. Dixon kayoed Wallace in round 18 and was acclaimed "champion."

Champion of what? Not bantamweights; Kelly held that title. Not featherweights, either. Torpedo Billy Murphy won that crown by knocking out Ike Weir on January 13, 1890—five months before Dixon halted Wallace.

Temporarily laying aside Dixon's 116-pound title, we find Kelly losing his world bantamweight championship to Billy Plimmer on May 9, 1892 at 110 pounds—the new bantamweight class limit.

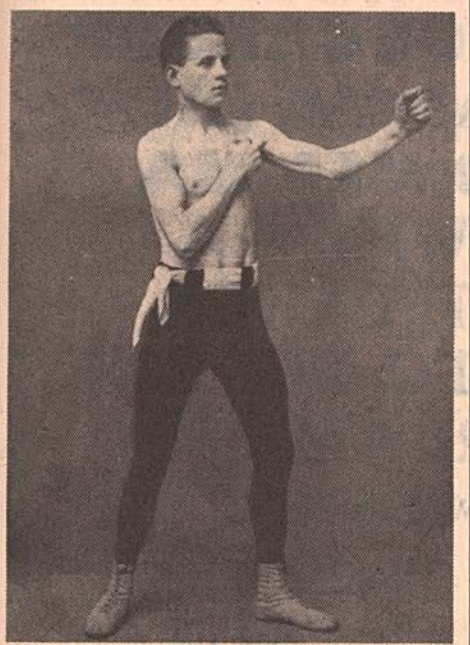
The bantam limit was pushed further up the scale in the next few years. In 1895, Plimmer returned to his native England, losing his title to countryman Thomas (Pedlar) Palmer at 112 pounds on November 25, 1895. The limit was 118 pounds by October, 1897, when the Pedlar turned back the challenge of Dave Sullivan on points.

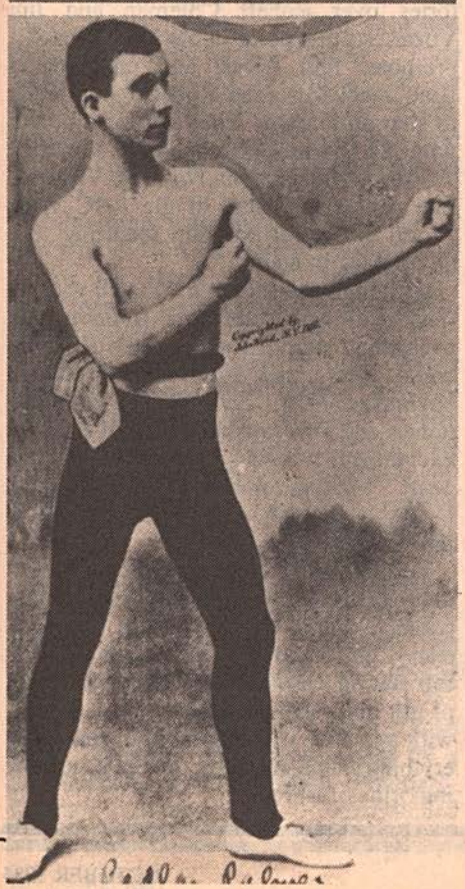
But what of Dixon? Within 14 months of his defeat of Wallace, George defended the world 116-pound title against Johnny Murphy, Cal McCarthy, and Abe Willis. Torpedo Billy Murphy, in the meantime, had lost his world featherweight title to Young Griffo—a boxing marvel who proceeded to drink his way out of the championship. Griffo could not make 126 pounds by 1892.

The George Dixon—Jack Skelly bout of September 6, 1892 was billed for the

world featherweight title, but the weight limit was 118 pounds. "That," said O'Rourke, "is the limit I set for the featherweights." Thank you, Mr. Tom O'Rourke.

O'Rourke maintained that Dixon "was both bantamweight and featherweight champion of the world" when he defended his 116-pound title against Cal McCarthy on March 31, 1892. O'Rourke never said what limit he set for the bantamweights, although it would appear to be 116—two pounds below the limit he set for the featherers. (The next weight class was the lightweight, with a limit of 133!)





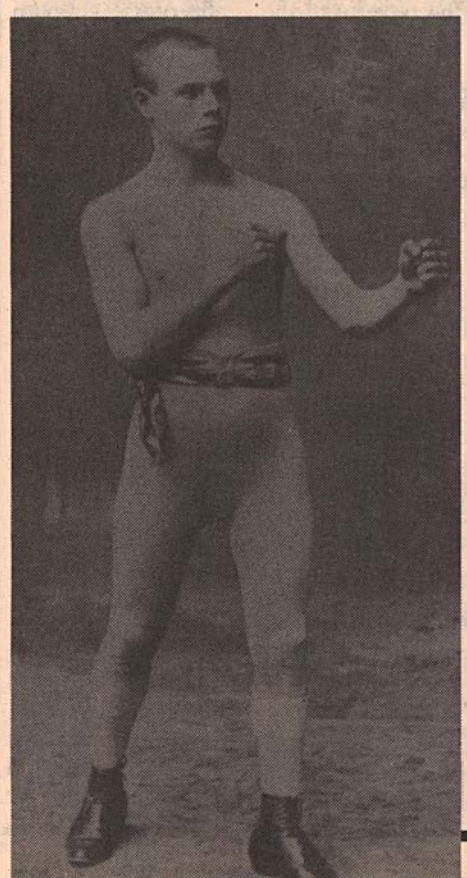
Dixon was featherweight king until Terry McGovern stopped him after eight rounds at the Broadway Athletic Club in New York on January 9, 1900—a title reign of more than seven years. O'Rourke's insistence on holding the class limit at 118 pounds made things interesting along the way.

World bantamweight champion Plimmer challenged Dixon, but O'Rourke demanded that the match be a four-rounder fought at catchweights. Plimmer, weighing 121, outpointed Dixon, but could not claim the featherweight crown because of the conditions of the contest.

Future world lightweight champion Frank Erne outpointed Dixon over 20 rounds on November 27, 1896. The weight limit for this bout was 122 pounds—the featherweight limit favored by most of the boxing world. Dixon beat Erne in a return bout.

Solly Smith received a lot of favorable support when he claimed the crown after beating Dixon in a 20-rounder at Woodward's Pavilion on October 4, 1897—even though the bout was fought at 120 instead of 118. O'Rourke, of course, insisted thatt Dixon was still the champion—until Britain's Ben Jordan beat George in a 25-rounder at New York's Lenox A.C. on July 1, 1898. Ever the pragmatist, O'Rourke obtained his man a shot at Dave Sullivan's featherweight title at 122 pounds on November 11 of the same year, Dave having won the crown from Smith. Dixon won, and reigned as "champion" again. (Jordan subsequently lost his version of the championship to Eddie Santry, who lost to McGovern in what might be regarded as a "title unification" bout after Terry halted Dixon.)

Top Left: Tommy Kelly
Bottom Left: Pedlar Palmer
Below: Billy Plimmer



What makes the situation all the more amusing is that O'Rourke was still claiming 118 pounds as the featherweight limit in 1898—months after Britain's National Sporting Club had fixed 118 as the *bantamweight* limit.

On December 6, 1897, Jimmy Barry of Chicago kayoed London's Walter Croot in the 20th and final round of a world seven-stone, 10-pound (108-pound) title bout at the N.S.C. Most reference books insist this was for the world bantamweight championship, but the N.S.C. already recognized Pedlar Palmer as the bantamweight champion—class limit, 118. The Barry-Croot bout was really for the world *paperweight* title—the paperweight division being the direct ancestor of the modern flyweight class (112-pound weight limit) created in 1909.

The paperweight class limit, 95 pounds in the late 1880s, was raised to 108 in the same way that the bantamweight limit went from 105 to 110 to 112 to 118 in the same period. The New York State Athletic Commission of 1911-17 recognized the paperweight class limit as 108, the bantamweight limit as 115, and the featherweight limit as 124. The situation was not completely resolved until the new N.Y.S.A.C. of 1920 adopted the same weight classes that the N.S.C. had adopted in 1909—flyweight (112), bantamweight (118), featherweight (126), lightweight (135), welterweight (147), middleweight (160), light heavyweight (175), and heavyweight (no limit).

There you have it: a child's history of the small division titles in the 1890s. Any further light which can be shed on this segment of boxing history will be greatly appreciated.

Tom O'Rourke, why were you such a stubborn man? □

THE STRANGE CASE OF JOHN E. GARCIA (AKA ROBERTO MEDINA . . . OR, WHEN A CONVICT TAKES TIME OFF TO PURSUE A DREAM

By Steve Waldman

FOR MANY, BOXING IS A MEANS OF ESCape. There are countless examples of ring greats and near-greats who vaulted out of the poverty of the ghetto on the strength of their fistic ability. For lightweight Roberto Medina, the escape was literal, though destined to come to a poignant halt on July 20, 1985.

In a boxing career spanning just over two years, the Florida-based lightweight developed from a fairly successful amateur (1983 Florida Golden Gloves and Sunshine State Games champion) to a popular pro on the local circuit.

When it came time to turn plaudits into purses, Medina, a resident of St. Petersburg, inked a promotional contract with the Tampa-based Alessi Promotions. On March 15, 1984, Medina stopped Roosevelt Booth in the second round to commence what was expected to be a successful professional career.

For a time, everything went well. Although the opposition could be best labeled fodder, wins continued to mount until Roberto had racked up nine in a row. Then came the first semi-setback, when Juan Carrion hald him to a draw. Roberto got back on the winning track with a lacklustre win over Reese Smith, but his unbeaten streak finally came to an end when Curtis Gholston outpointed him over six in another listless performance.

Following a three month lay-off, Medina bounced back with knockout victories over Robert Coleman and Jim Vozar. At this point in his 12-1-1 career, promoter Phil Alessi and matchmaker Brad Jacobs decided Roberto was ready to step up in class. They accepted a bout with '84 Olympic gold medalist Meldrick Taylor at The Scope in Norfolk, Virginia. The contest was part of the ABC Wide World of Sports program featuring four Olympians in action.

Although one-sided, the match was the most exciting on the card. Roberto took everything the quick and powerful Taylor could offer, and even landed enough haymakers of his own to keep Meldrick honest and the crowd in a state of constant excitement. Showing plenty of fighting heart, 'Medina remained upright, though hardly a spot above his waist that was unbruised.

Despite the fact that he lost via a unanimous decision, Medina was, in a certain sense, a moral victor in both the audience's and his own eyes. Medina's Norfolk outing was an almost glorious display of grit and resiliency. Yet, minutes later, with applause still ringing in his ears, everything came tumbling down in a most inglorious fashion.

When a dozen or so Norfolk policemen congregated in and around Medina's locker room, it was obvious that something was clearly up. Medina was soon confronted by some hard truths. First, he was not 27-year-old Roberto Medina. Actually, he was 29-year-old John E. Garcia. Secondly, Garcia had quite a career before taking up boxing.

You see, Garcia was a multifaceted thief with a record of 61 arrests in the Denver area alone. The police department of that city categorized John E. Garcia as a "career criminal."

On June 25, 1982, Garcia had escaped from a minimum security Colorado prison where he was serving time for larceny, theft, etc. His escape was greatly facilitated by his involvement in a "work-release" program. Fleeing all the way to St. Pete, Garcia stayed at a cousin's house, assumed the Medina alias, and found employment as a handyman. It was then that he began boxing.

A rose tattoo on Medina's chest, revealed when he disrobed for the Taylor fight, showed suspicious authorities that he was indeed Garcia.

"When we saw that (tattoo), we knew we had the right guy," said Lt. Curtis M. Todd Jr. of the Norfolk Police Department. "Before that, the identification was kind of iffy. He gave himself away.

"We told him (Medina) that he was under arrest because we had probable cause to believe he was Garcia," Todd added. "Garcia said, 'I think we can get this thing straight.' He was more disappointed than anything else. He was kind of high because he had put up such a good fight."

After quickly dressing, Garcia was hustled off to Norfolk police headquarters, where he admitted his true identity. Fingerprints provided by the FBI added confirmation.

Garcia later revealed he felt that a former girlfriend, one of the very few who knew of his past, had tipped off Denver police of his whereabouts. Officially, he was wanted on charges of assault, conspiracy, and escape. Authorities also stated that Garcia's sordid past included involvement with firearms and narcotics.

It is unlikely that boxing on national television alone led to Garcia's arrest. According to Jacobs, Garcia had been seen on the USA cable network "four or five times."

To say Garcia, as Roberto Medina, had fooled everyone in Tampa would be a drastic understatement. Mike Blumberg, Garcia's manager, was dumbfounded when he learned that the lightweight prospect he knew as Medina was, in fact, a wanted man by the name of Garcia.

"I had him to my house for Passover and he read the prayers with my grandchildren. He was like a member of the family," said Blumberg.

"Medina had been a model person," said Jacobs.

"It was hard to believe," said Kathy Graham, Garcia's current girlfriend. "He was always a gentleman, always soft spoken."

Both Graham and Blumberg felt that boxing had helped reform Garcia.

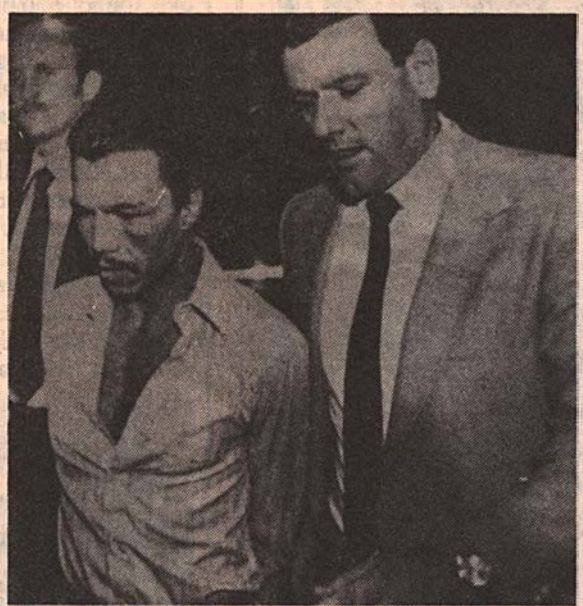
"He loves it," said Miss Graham. "And he was good at it. Boxing gave him something to look forward to. It gave him respect."

"I figured that if I didn't get in any more trouble, no one would find me," said Garcia after his arrest. "I love boxing so much I guess I just ignored thoughts of being found out."

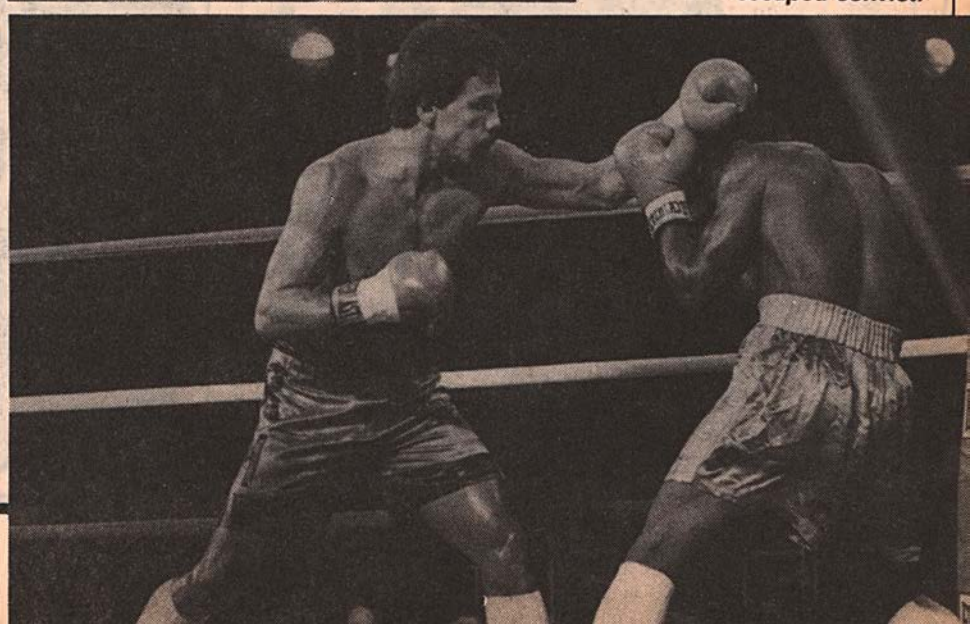
Referring to his stay on the "work-farm" in Colorado, Garcia said: "It was an honor camp where I was. They'd pick us up and take us downtown to work. I had given them seven years and I wanted to leave. So I left. I didn't hurt anyone breaking out or anything. I just walked away. Sometimes, you take a gamble, and I guess I loved boxing so much I was willing to take that gamble. So here I am. I'm sorry I disappointed some people, but I'm not sorry I went to Norfolk for the fight. We put on a helluva show for the fans."

Perhaps already rehabilitated to an extent, John E. Garcia is undoubtedly slated for more confinement in Colorado. It's ironic how boxing provided him with a haven from his past and yet ultimately played a major part in his undoing.

If Garcia/Medina had only taken up baseball instead of boxing . . . no one would have ever seen his tattoo. □



John E. Garcia, known to boxing fans as Roberto Medina, is led away by authorities following his nationally televised loss to Meldrick Taylor in Norfolk, Virginia.



Medina/Garcia (left) tears into James Lyons on his way to a first round knockout, August 5, 1984 in Tampa, Florida. At the time, only Medina and his girlfriend knew he was really an escaped convict.

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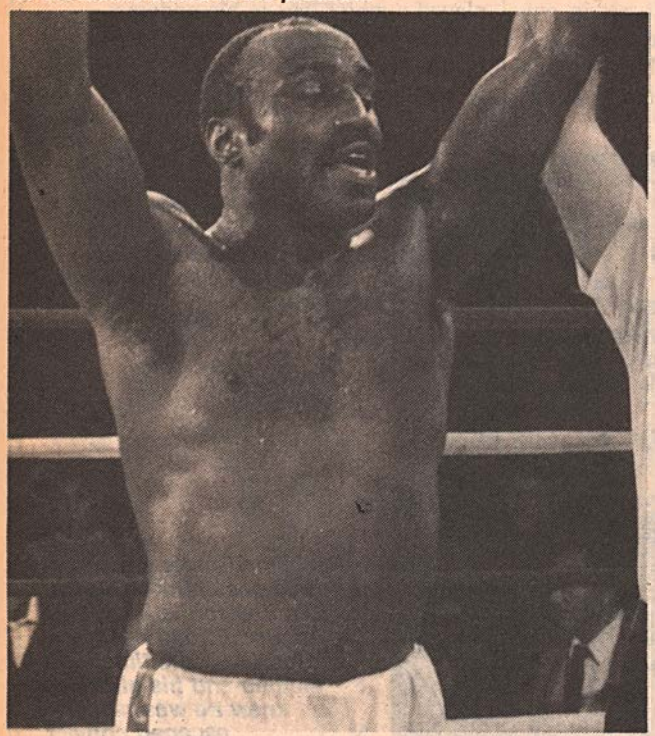
Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

A champion once again. Dwight Muhammad Qawi blasted Piet Crous for the WBA cruiserweight title, winning The Ring's Fighter of the Month award in the process.



Winning a world title in the champion's backyard is never an easy job, but when you are a black American, challenging a South African in South Africa, the task is magnified tenfold. But there are some fighters who perform best when the odds are against them. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** is one of them. He travelled to Sun City and came home with the WBA cruiserweight title after stopping Piet Crous in the 11th round before a SRO crowd of Crous supporters. Qawi's outstanding effort earned him his second world championship and *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month Award.

Runner up this month is Chicago's **John Collins**, who also scored a big win in his opponent's bailiwick, icing previously unbeaten Mark Holmes inside of two rounds in Scranton.

Honorable mention goes to **Kaosai Galaxy** who defended his WBA junior bantamweight crown with a fifth round knockout over former WBA super flyweight king, Rafael Orono, in Bangkok.

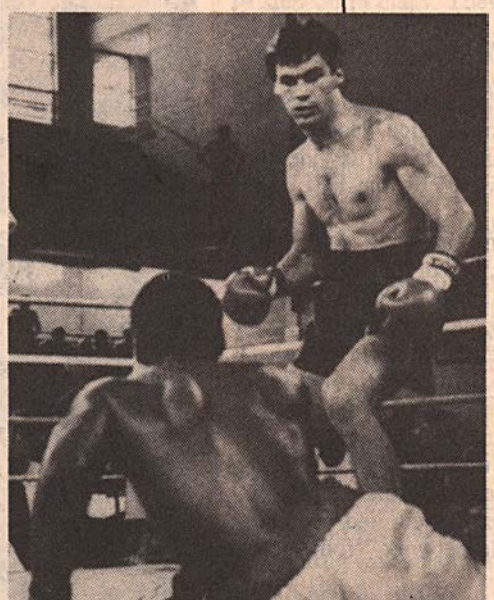
COLLINS-HOLMES
Vacant USBA Middleweight Title

SCRANTON, PA.—THIS WAS supposed to be the bout that propelled Mark Holmes out of his big brother's shadow and into the thick of the middleweight rankings. Everything was set for a showcase fight. NBC had their television cameras set up in the old Catholic Youth Center where Larry made his pro debut 12 years ago, and the hot rumor in this old coal mining town was that opponent John Collins had come to take a dive. Little, if anything, worked out quite the way most people figured.

Collins, who'd been dismissed by many as a serious contender because of his disastrous knockout loss to Tony Sibson in '84, was nevertheless the best fighter the previously undefeated Holmes had ever faced. Mark's first 32 pro outings had come against very modest opposition. Collins is no Marvin Hagler, but he sure looked it against Holmes.

The first round was uneventful until Holmes, 158¾, Easton, tagged Collins, 159¾, with a nice right just before the bell. It proved to be Mark's only effective punch of the afternoon. About halfway into the second, Collins threw a right over the top of Holmes' jab, catching him flush on the jaw. Holmes went over backwards, landing on the seat of his pants, obviously hurt.

Holmes managed to beat referee Frank Cappuccino's count, and Collins rushed in for the finisher. He cut loose with another flurry and



John Collins watches Mark Holmes hit the deck in the second round of their battle for the vacant USBA middleweight title in Scranton. Collins became the first to beat Holmes as a pro, stopping Larry's little brother 2:05 into the second.

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Holmes went down again. Although it looked like a knockdown, Cappuccino ruled it was a "slip," sending Holmes back into action without the benefit of an eight-count.

Collins wasted no time leveling Holmes for the third time and Cappuccino stopped the fight without bothering to count, awarding Collins a TKO at 2:05 of the second.

The win lifted Collins to 33-1-1, 28 knockouts, and gave his career a considerable boost. Holmes, on the other hand, was forced to swallow a large dose of reality. Brother Larry, who sat ringside for the debacle, was unusually quiet about the entire affair.

In the top prelim, Richard Savage, 127¼, West Monroe, La., won a majority decision over Jose Vidal Concepcion, 128, New York, 10, by scores of 49-42, 48-43, and 46-46. Rocky Castellani, referee.

Rodney Frazier, 205, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Demetrius (Oak Tree) Edwards, 187, Brooklyn, six. John McHale, referee.

Garland Wright, 142, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., won a split decision over Sammy Young, Ithica, New York, six, in what appeared to be a blatant hometown decision. Referee Castellani voted for Young, 29-27, but judges Phil Bosha and Frank Adams were way off base with matching 29-27 scores for localite Wright.

Streaking Bert Cooper, 197, Philadelphia, TKO'd soft touch Jim Davenport, 188, Phila., at 1:59 of the first. McHale, referee.

Sammy Mejias, 133, Los Angeles, TKO'd inept Larry Watson, 135, Phila., at 1:16 of the second. McHale, referee.

Mark Frazier, 161, Phila., TKO'd Ray Rivera, 157, Puerto Rico, at 1:00 of the fourth. Buddy Rush, referee.

Timekeeper—Phil Reese.

Matchmaker—Al Certo.

Promoters—Murad Muhammad and Lou Del Vecchio.

(08-03-85)

J.R. JOWETT

QAWI-CROUS

WBA Junior Heavyweight Title

SUN CITY, BOPHUTHATswana—On February 4, 1980, Dwight Braxton took a step up the light heavyweight ladder by knocking out Theunis Kok in the 10th round in Durban, South Africa. Now, more than five years later, Braxton, renamed Dwight Muhammad Qawi, returned to the same neck of the woods to win the WBA junior heavyweight (190-pound) title by knocking out defending title holder Piet Crous in 1:47 of the 11th round in a scheduled 15 in the Sun City Superbowl.

"I didn't want to come here," Qawi said after the fight. "I'm prepared to put my title on the line against Crous in a return, but the fight will have to be in my home country or West Africa. I will not come here again."

No one in his right mind would suggest giving Crous another shot at the title, though the fight was fairly even for the first eight rounds. Qawi rocked Crous with an occasional right hand, but his punchrate was low, and the champ countered with left jabs.

The turning point came in the ninth, when Qawi sent Crous reeling into the ropes from a powerful right to the head. Crous looked like he would go down on several occasions, but he managed to stay up until the bell.

The South African still looked befuddled when he came out for the 10th. Crous tried to keep Qawi off with the jab, but the American hurt him yet again with solid rights to the head.

Crous somehow managed to last out that round and come out for the 11th. Qawi, who had let his man off the hook for the last time, launched a two-fisted barrage that sent the champion reeling.

Two particularly vicious blows sent Piet to the canvas for an eight-count, and a follow-up left-right combo put him down again for the full 10. Crous was on his hands and knees when referee Enzo Moran completed the count.

Crous lost because he had no defense against the challenger's right hand. He tried to box from behind his jab, but lacked the power to stop Qawi in his tracks.

And so it goes. There is no reason for Qawi to return to South Africa. Crous is obviously no match for him, and Piet is the only junior heavyweight in the whole country . . .

. . . Bophuthatswana included.

Light welter Brian Baronet climbed off the canvas in the third and fifth rounds to stop former world contender Domingo Ayala in the ninth. Ayala was far ahead on points before the South African turned the fight around with a vicious left hook in round seven. Another left hook dropped Ayala in the ninth session, and referee Stanley Christodoulou stepped in when a follow up attack had the Puerto Rican sagging in his own corner.

South African welterweight champion Harold Volbrecht TKO'd Puerto Rican Fernando Escalera in the sixth.

Sugar Boy Malinga outscored Pieter de Bruin, eight, middles.

Brian Mitchell outscored Job Sisanga, eight, lightweights.

(07-27-85)

BERT BLEWITT

McCALLUM-BRAXTON

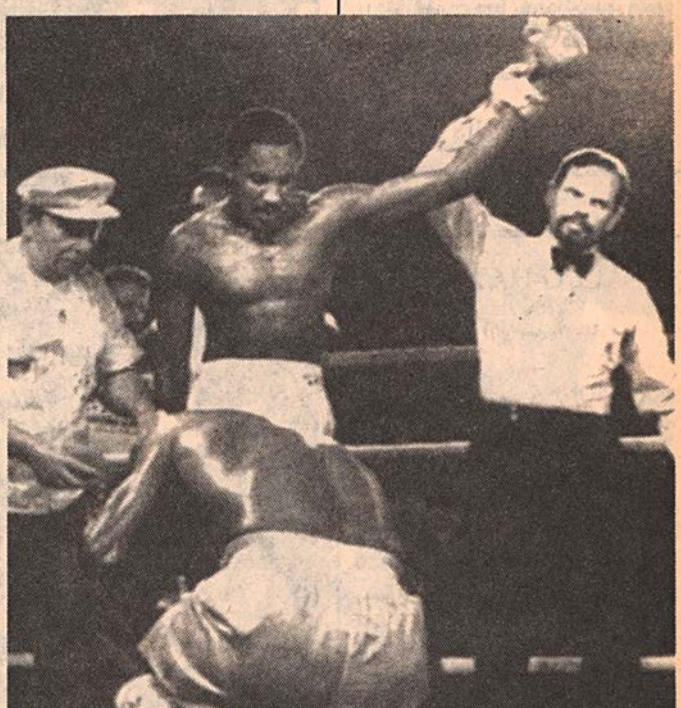
WBA Junior Middleweight Title

MIAMI, FLA.—MIKE McCALlum, 154, Jamaica, retained his WBA junior middleweight title with a somewhat controversial TKO victory over North American champion David Braxton, also 154, Detroit, at 2:26 of the eighth round in a scheduled 15 at the Tamiami Fairgrounds Park Auditorium.

The fighters had been stablemates, so this was something of a "grudge match." McCallum began slowly, losing the first two frames, but came out winging in the third. Mike won that round impressively with left jabs and straight rights.

The fourth round saw the champ score heavily with body shots, but he also found the time to open a cut over Braxton's left eye. Mike was fooling all the critics—going for the head and boxing in-

Victor and vanquished. WBC junior middleweight champion Mike McCallum stands victorious over challenger David Braxton shortly after the fight was stopped in the eighth round and awarded to McCallum via TKO.



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stead of concentrating on the body. As the rounds went on, the cut got deeper. The ringside physician took a look at it in the seventh, and told referee Roberto Ramirez to stop the bout if things did not "improve." Mike kept to his game plan, and Ramirez halted matters in the following round.

McCallum is now 25-0 with 22 kayoes following a brilliant amateur career that saw him lose only 10 of 240 bouts. Braxton is 34-2.

The champ had one advantage, since the air conditioning was not working and it was about 110 degrees at ringside. The Kronk Gym in Detroit is never quite that hot.

Rocky Fernandez, 128, Miami, knocked out Angel Levi Mayor, also 128, Venezuela, with a hard right in 2:30 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Roy Estades, 133, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Ian Ford, 137½, Miami, six. Estades looked good. Bernie Soto, referee.

Alfredo (Scarface) Rojas, 143, Miami, TKO'd Billy Cunningham, 148, Miami, at 2:43 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Eddie Echert, referee.

Mauricio Guadamuz, 125½, Nicaragua, TKO'd Gil Maldonado, 125, Miami, at 2:27 of the first. Referee Soto called a halt after Maldonado was standing there helpless following two knockdowns.

Tommy Valoy, 123½, Santo Domingo, D.R., kayoed Humberto Myias, 120½, Miami, at 2:11 of the first round in another scheduled six. Valoy is now 16-1. Bill Connors, referee.

Don King Productions/Chi Chi Enterprises. Matchmakers—Tuto Zabala, Rick Encinosa. Attendance—2,312.

(07-28-85)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

SACCO-HATCHER

WBA Junior Welterweight Title

CAMPIONE DE'ITALIA, ITALY—Argentina's Ubaldo Sacco ripped apart Texan Gene (Mad Dog) Hatcher with a pinpoint counter attack to win the WBA junior welterweight title via a ninth round TKO in a scheduled 15.

Sacco had battled Hatcher to a standstill last December in the champion's hometown of Fort Worth, only to come up on the short end of a split decision after a thrilling give-and-take encounter. This time, Sacco handled the "Mad Dog's" wild, bull-like rushes like a matador, reducing the defending champion to a bloody mess before referee Ernesto Magana finally called an overdue halt to the massacre 1:28 into the ninth.

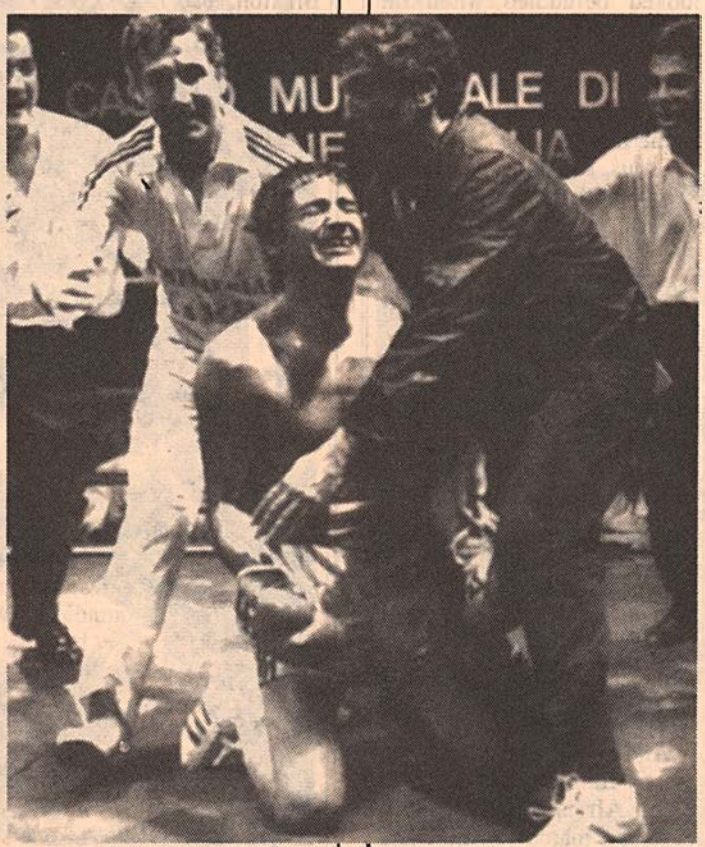
Although the bout was technically stopped because of a nasty gash over Hatcher's left eye, Sacco was well on top and handing Gene a vicious beating.

The fight was evenly contested over the first four rounds, with Hatcher landing strong hooks to the head and body. But Sacco usually made Gene pay for every punch. As the bout progressed, it became obvious that the challenger's counters were much more damaging than the fading champion's leads.

In the fifth, Sacco snapped Hatcher's head back with a whistling right uppercut. Moments later, Hatcher backed away and dipped down to one knee for an eight-count. From then on, Sacco controlled the fight. While Hatcher never stopped trying, his best shots seemed to have little effect, while Sacco appeared to hurt Gene with practically every punch he landed.

The ringside doctor wanted the fight stopped earlier in the ninth, but for some strange reason, Magana ignored his advice and allowed Hatcher to absorb quite a bit more punishment before making his belated move.

Winner Ubaldo Sacco cries on the canvas after beating Gene Hatcher for the WBA junior welterweight title in Milan, Italy. The fight was stopped in the ninth round because of a bad cut over Hatcher's left eye.



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Sacco, who showed considerable improvement since his last match with Hatcher, joins WBA flyweight champion Santos Laciar as Argentina's second current world title holder. (Laciar relinquished his crown the day after this bout.) His pro record is now 47-3-1 with 22 knockouts. Hatcher's log fell to 23-3 with 18 kayoes.

(07-21-85)

CHITILADA-BERNAL

WBC Flyweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—"We wuz robbed."

That's the gist of what Mexico's Gabriel Bernal and his manager, Arturo (Cuyo) Hernandez, said after Bernal's 12-round title bout with WBC flyweight champion Sot Chitalada was declared a draw after 12 rounds at the National Gymnasium.

Chitalada was down in rounds one and eight—although referee Steve Crosson did not call the latter trip a knockdown. Bernal was an obvious winner, but the official scoring was as follows: Malcolm Bulner (Australia), 115-115; Angelo Poletti (Italy), 114-114; Martin Denkin (U.S.), 116-112, Chitalada.

Both fighters had trouble making the 112-pound limit. Bernal came in at 113¾, spent an hour and a half in a sauna bath, and weighed in again—112. Chitalada tipped the scales at 112¼, put in several rounds of rope skipping, and then weighed in three more times before he hit 112.

Bernal, a southpaw, came out smoking in the first round and knocked Chitalada down with a right hook. Sot rose at the count of four, and spent the rest of the round on the defensive. A big inning for the Mexican.

Round two was even. Bernal went for the champ's body, but the session ended with them mixing it at center ring. Sot may have won the third frame by a narrow margin, as he landed a good combo midway in the round.

After a fairly even fourth round, in which the champ tried to stick and move and Bernal dug in some effective body punches, the challenger took command in the fourth frame. Switching to an orthodox stance, the 30-year-old Bernal connected with a crisp left to the body followed by an uppercut and one-two to the face. The Siamese fighter tried to go toe-to-toe with the challenger in the sixth session, and he paid the price. Bernal won that sixth frame on *The Ring* card, even if Denkin and Bulner gave it to Chitalada. Poletti had it even.

Following the instructions of his English coach, Charles Atkinson, Sot boxed at long range in round seven. He made good use of his footwork, threw sharp combos, and won the session.

Bernal floored Chitalada again in the eighth round with a double right hand followed by a left-right combo. The Thai went down into the ropes. It looked like a knockdown, but the ref ruled it a slip. Bernal's round, but by only 10-9 margins on all three official scorecards.

After an even ninth round, the champ won the 10th with a courageous attack to the body. The last two rounds belonged to Bernal, who went after the Thai with a vengeance. The best that Sot could do was hold on to the Mexican's torso and land an occasional jab.

The ring turned into Bedlam when the verdict was announced. Cuyo Hernandez was incensed. "Gabriel knocked him down twice, and did all the punching. He (the challenger) kept retreating and retreating. What makes him a winner? I will protest this ridiculous decision to the WBC and demand a rematch anywhere in the world—or on the moon. Anyplace—except in Thailand!

A few days later, WBC president Jose Sulaiman asked the Executive Committee to decide whether a rematch was in order.

The Nation, Thailand's leading English language paper, described Chitalada as "perhaps one of the luckiest winners in flyweight history." Thailand has lately had more than its share of boxing scandals—falsified records supplied to world ranking bodies, hometown decisions, and mismatches galore.

Chitalada, who won the title with a controversial split decision over Bernal on October 8, 1984, is now 8-1-1 with six kayoes. Bernal is 35-10-3 with 25 knockouts. A rematch is a must. Let's hope it takes place soon.

Local favorite Samart Payakaroon won a unanimous decision over Filipino Jaime Enrigues, 10. WBC witness—Antonio Siarra (Italy). Telecast in Thailand and Mexico.
(06-22-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

McCRORY-TRUJILLO

WBC Welterweight Title

MONTE CARLO, MONACO—Milton McCrory, 147, Detroit, retained his WBC welterweight crown by knocking out Carlos Trujillo, 146½, Panama, in 1:59 of the third round in a scheduled 12-rounder at Louis II Stadium.

There were rumors that McCrory, who weighed 163 three weeks before the fight, would be unable to make the welterweight limit. He dried out for 24 hours before stepping on the scales at 147 on the button.

Milton seemed to want to take his man out in a hurry. He decked Trujillo with a right late in the first round, and another right hand—following a barrage—ended matters in the third. Referee Rudy Ortega started counting, but then waved it over. McCrory had looked absolutely great.

McCrory, now 27-0-1 with 22 kayoes, now looks forward to a welterweight title unification bout with WBA title holder Donald Curry. Trujillo, 19-3 with 14 knockouts, never had a chance.

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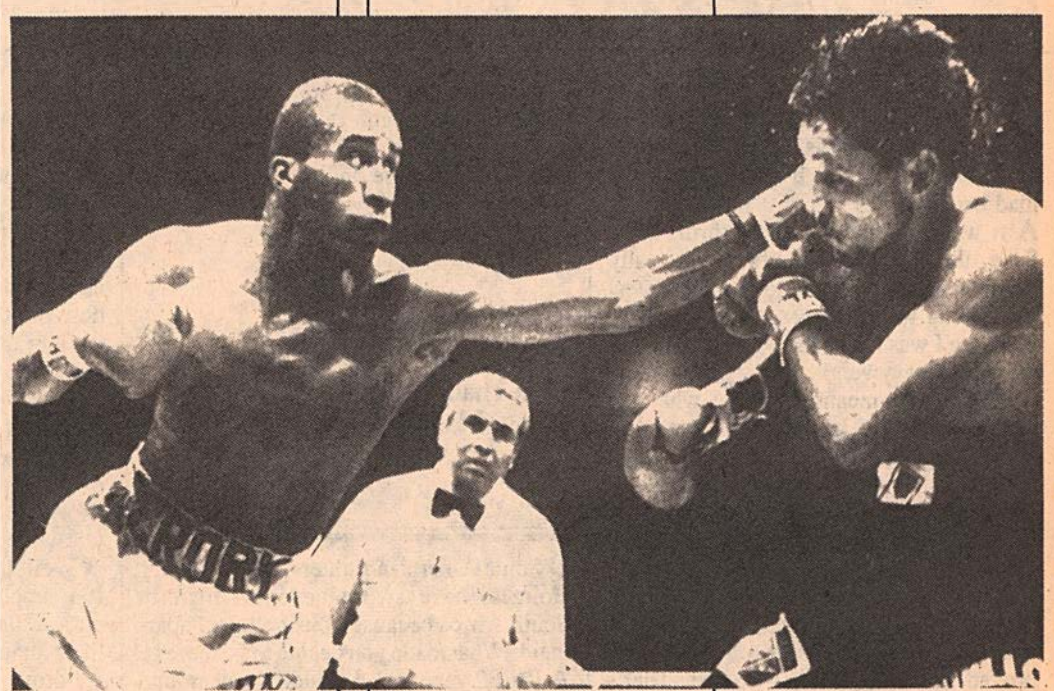

WBC welterweight champion Milton McCrory (left) lands a left on his way to an easy third round knockout over Panama's Carlos Trujillo in Monaco.

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DWIGHT MUHAMMAD QAWI

BY NIGEL COLLINS

The "Camden Buzzsaw" crushes Crous for Cruiserweight Crown and sets his sights on a third world title.

THE "BUZZSAW" POSITIVELY BEAMED as he ushered his lady and his 18-month-old son—the "Baby Buzzsaw"—into the restaurant lobby. He had just returned from South Africa after ripping the WBA junior heavyweight title from Piet Crous, and seemed to be still riding the high that must have accompanied the winning of his second world championship.

Dwight Muhammad Qawi had every reason to be happy, but as the evening progressed, it became obvious that, while the "Buzzsaw" still cuts a mean swath in the ring, he has mellowed considerably as a person. Dwight always carried himself with such frightening intensity, and while his intelligence and sincerity occasionally peeked through his tough guy facade, he seldom seemed as relaxed and content in the past as during this latest interview with *The Ring*.

According to Dwight, much of his new found peace of mind is the result of a fresh set of priorities. Like many before him, he discovered who his real friends are when he turned from champion to ex-champ. He's also finally got his personal life in order and is reveling in his role of father.

The junior heavyweight (190-pound) title has given Qawi's career a new lease on life. Although he had won four in a row since losing his WBC 175-pound title in a unification bout with Michael Spinks, he'd been looking much like a former champion merely going through the motions while awaiting one last payday. But when the opportunity came to challenge Piet Crous in South Africa, Qawi's enthusiasm was quickly rekindled. He fired up the old "Buzzsaw" and knocked Crous kicking 1:47 into the 11th round in Sun City.

At an age when most fighters are winding down their careers, the "Buzzsaw" is back, revved up and ready to rumble.

Q Was winning your second world championship as exciting as when you won the light heavyweight title from Saad Muhammad back in 1981?

A It was a different kind of thrill. With Saad, the reality of the title never really dawned on me until almost a year later. Everything was moving so fast back then. I believe I was numb the whole time I had the light heavyweight title. Now I know what the title means. I know what the business is like. I know what I want. I'm not fooling myself. Before, some people had me believing I was going to save the world with my title.

Q What do you mean by that last statement?

A I was made to believe I had to do certain things to make up for my past. But I know now that I've paid my debt to society. I've proved I'm a law-abiding citizen. That's (incarceration) eight years behind me. I don't have nothing to prove anymore. All I want to do is live and be useful.

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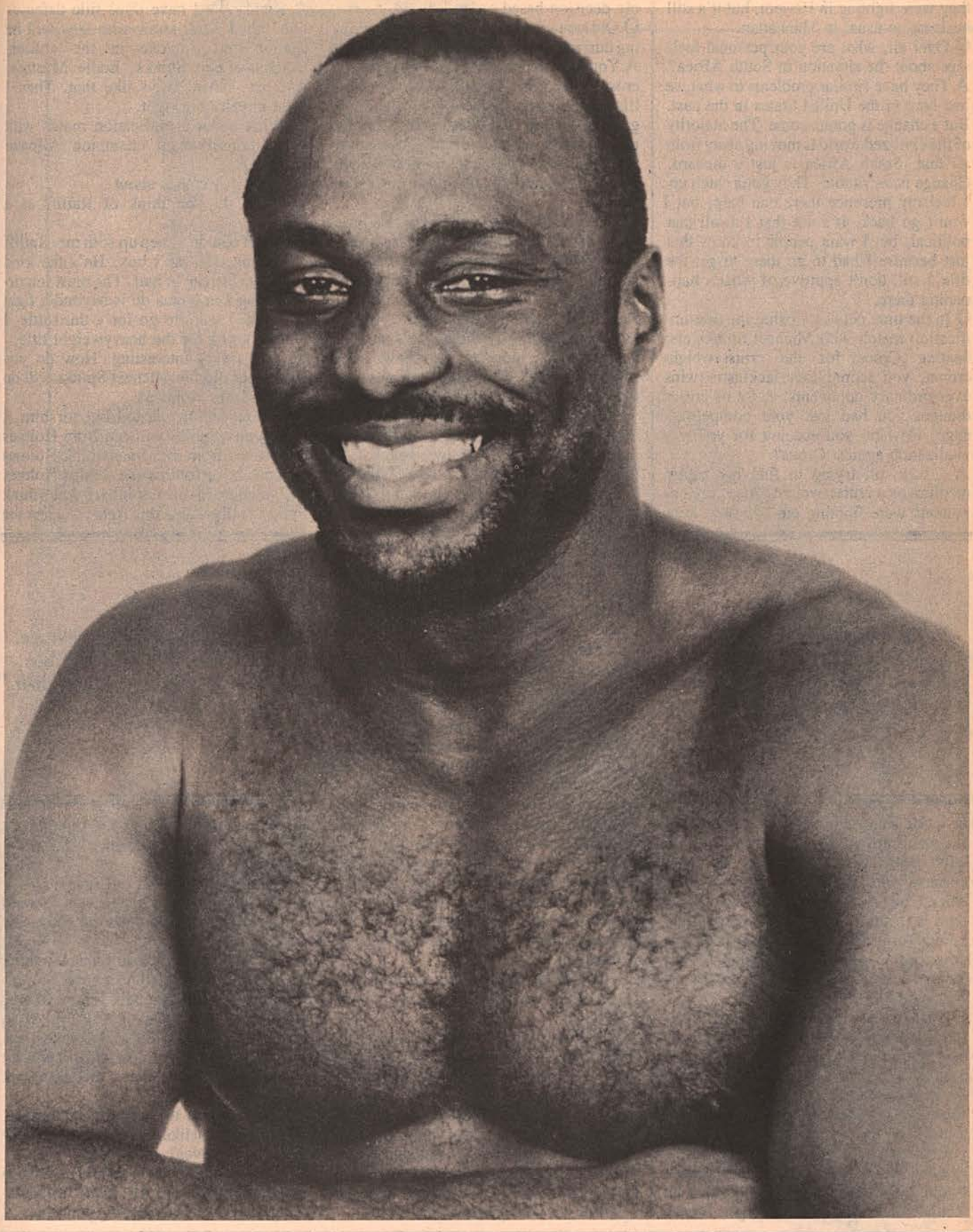
Q Some American fighters, such as Larry Holmes, have sworn never to fight in South Africa because of its policy of apartheid. What made you decide to go there?

A I'm 32 years old. I couldn't stay around fighting Atlantic City club fights. I have a family to support. I had nowhere else to go. I was the number-one contender, but (IBF cruiserweight champion) Lee Roy Murphy said his hand was broken and (WBC title holder) Carlos DeLeon, along with Don King, wanted to play politics. But this guy (Piet Crous) was willing to fight me. He was a champion and I'm a true professional. I had to go for the gusto. I was ready. I knew I could beat him. So I took my chances and went.

Q You went to South Africa during a time of great political unrest. Did you see or experience much of the upheaval while you were there?

A Well, the fight was in Bophuthatswana. It's supposed to be like a separate state with a black president. It's more relaxed there than in the rest of the country. But we drove through Johannesburg. It's as if



they were fighting in Harlem, but it's still business as usual in Manhattan.

Q Over all, what are your personal feelings about the situation in South Africa?

A They have similar problems to what we had here in the United States in the past. But a change is gonna come. The majority of the civilized world is moving away from all that. South Africa is just a diehard. Change is inevitable. They gotta catch up. I feel my presence there can help, but I won't go back. It's not that I'm all that political, but I want people to know that just because I had to go there to get the title, I still don't approve of what's happening there.

Q In the time between losing the title-unification match with Michael Spinks and beating Crous for the cruiserweight crown, you scored four lacklustre wins over ordinary opponents. A lot of critics thought you had lost your competitive edge. How do you account for your revitalization against Crous?

A I was still trying to find my happy medium as a cruiserweight. Also, my opponents were fighting me like they were

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in a title fight, while I wasn't really into it. I was prepared physically, but not mentally. But it all turned out for the better because going the distance in those fights helped me prepare for the title fight better than a string of quick knockouts. But I know I could go back now and knock those guys out in four or five rounds. They would see a new Qawi, more like the old Buzzsaw.

Q Speaking of the old Buzzsaw, what was the real story behind your pullout just before your scheduled rematch with Michael Spinks?

A I really did have problems with my shoulder. My chiropractor diagnosed it as a pinched nerve. There was also a lot of pressure from my personal life. My father passed. He was brutally killed. I went through a divorce. It was a bad time all 'round. I just didn't want to fight. I made my decision based on everything.

Q Did you ever think about quitting boxing during this tough period of your life?

A You have to believe in yourself. It never crossed my mind to quit. I come from a life, in jail and all, where you sometimes get that feeling. But that's when I really go. I love it when the odds are against me. That's when I'm at my best. When I'm the underdog, it gives me more energy.

Q Let's get into the Crous fight in a little more detail. Is he a good fighter, or did you just get lucky and get a chance for a second title against a cardboard champion?

A I would say he's a good boxer. And he hustles in the ring. Although he's more of a boxer than a puncher, he throws a lot of combinations. I looked at a film of his fight with (Ossie) Ocasio and I saw he wasn't a Michael Spinks or a Saad Muhammad. And I practically walked through those guys. I knew I could walk through Crous. And that's what I did.

Q Did you feel you had to knock out Crous to beat him in his own backyard?

A Yes. I very seldom do that. But this time I went weith the intention to knock him out. It helped me get back my old drive. I used to fight like that before I won the light heavyweight title. But I never meant it as much as this time. I was so determined.

Q Describe the knockout round for us.

A He (Crous) was moving to his left, getting away from my right hand. But in the ninth, I started to find the range for my right. So I stepped in closer. He took some hard rights in the ninth and 10th, but he was durable. I knew I had to stay right on him. In the 11th, I nailed him with a short left hook, pulling him into a good right hand. The punch went right through him, but he stayed up. So I came right back with the same punch and he went down on all fours. But he was so determined, he got back up. I went right back with the same punches again, and sure enough, he went down for the count.

Q How did the South African crowd respond when you knocked out their local hero?

A You know what? I was surprised. They weren't rowdy like in England, throwing stuff. The people applauded me. They were sportsmen. There were no negative remarks. They enjoyed a good fight. As a matter of fact, as I was coming out of the ring, one guy ran up and said, 'You just won me a few thousand.' And then he helped me down (out of the ring).

Q What are your plans for the future?

A Right now I have three title defenses lined up. I don't know who they will be against yet. Anyone in the cruiserweights—Leon Spinks, Eddie Mustafa, Anthony Davis. Guys like that. Then I want a really big fight.

Q What about a unification match with WBC cruiserweight champion Alfonzo Ratliff?

A Sure, if it comes about.

Q What do you think of Ratliff as a fighter?

A Ratliff couldn't keep up with me. Ratliff is nothing. He can't box. He's the kind of fighter I break in half. The most important thing I'm gonna do is beyond a fight like that. I want to go for a third title. I will be going for the heavyweight title.

Q That's very interesting. How do you think your old foe Michael Spinks will do against Larry Holmes?

A I think Holmes is too big for him. I don't think Spinks will run from Holmes like he did from me. I also think Holmes is gonna be up for this one. I think Holmes will be more up than Spinks. I don't think Spinks really wants this fight. It's just the

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money with him. Holmes is fighting for the record and his reputation. I think Holmes is slightly crazy, anyway. And it will really come out in this one.

Q How do you think you can succeed when you say Spinks, who already beat you, will fail?

A First of all, weight don't mean nothing to me. I'm more compact than Spinks. I've more body strength than Spinks. Holmes is taller than me and bigger in certain places, but that only makes him slow and clumsy. Holmes still has a lot left, but he doesn't have that footwork anymore.

Q Looking into the future a bit further, what would you like to do when your fighting days are over?

A I'd like to go back to school. I want to use this (*pointing to his head*) for something else other than stopping punches. □

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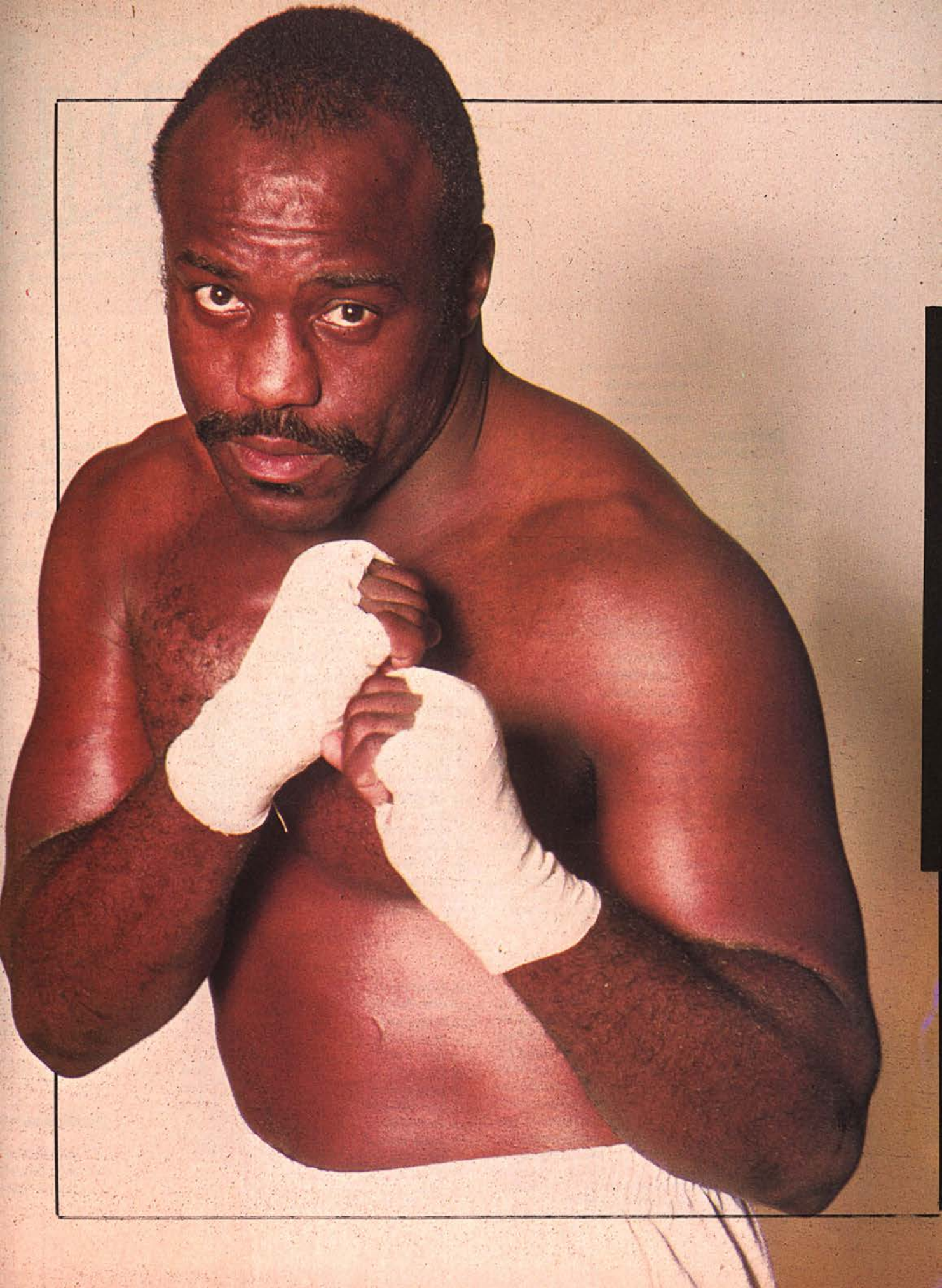

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES☆ ..... Easton, Pa.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Tony Tubbs**** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
5. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
6. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
7. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
8. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
10. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Broad 12. Tony Tucker 13. James Smith 14. Frank Bruno 15. Eddie Gregg 16. Marvis Frazier 17. Jeff Sims 18. Mitchell Green 19. Jesse Ferguson.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONZO RATLIFF** ..... Chicago, Ill.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. **Piet Crous** ..... South Africa
5. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
6. **Lee Roy Murphy**☆ ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
8. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
9. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10. **Rickey Parkey** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.

11. Henry Hearns 12. Boone Pultz 13. Bernard Benton 14. Chisanda Mutti 15. David Pearce.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* **☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Prince Mama Mohammad** ..... Ghana
3. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
6. **Fulgencio Obelmejias** ..... Venezuela
7. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
8. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
9. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
10. **Dennis Andries** ..... England

11. Grover Robinson 12. Tim Broady 13. David Sears 14. Alex Blanchard 15. Leslie Stewart 16. Evander Holyfield 17. Lotte Mwale

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
6. **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
7. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
8. **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Herol Graham** ..... England

11. Chong-Pal Park 12. John Collins 13. Wilfred Benitez 14. Murray Sutherland 15. Alex Ramos 16. Mark Holmes.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos**☆ ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada

11. Fred Hutchings 12. Darnell Knox 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Earl Hargrove 16. Robert Hines 17. Willie Harris.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry***☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
7. **Sylvester Mittee** ..... England
8. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
9. **Jerome Kinney** ..... Highland Park, Mich.
10. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.

11. Marlon Starling 12. Carlos Trujillo 13. Horace Shufford 14. Herman Montes 15. Pedro Vilella 16. Jorge Vaca.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Aaron Pryor** ☆ ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Bill Costello**** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Gene Hatcher*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
6. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Saoul Mamby 12. Gary Hinton 13. Clinton McKenzie 14. Hugo Hernandez 15. Billy Famous 16. Brian Baroni 17. Joe Louis Manley.

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Ratings as of August 11, 1985

* WBA CHAMPION
** WBC CHAMPION
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul**☆ ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Harry Arroyo** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
9. **Ray Mancini** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
10. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda

11. Howard Davis, Jr. 12. Terrence Alli 13. Robin Blake 14. Bobby Chacon 15. Rene Weller.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 120 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
4. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
6. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7. **Pat Cowdell** ..... England
8. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
9. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Indiana
10. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil

11. Refugio Rojas 12. Jean Marc Renard 13. Dennis Cruz 14. Ruben Castillo 15. Barry Michael 16. Tae-Jin Moon 17. Lester Ellis 17. Edgar Castro.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8. **Min-Keun Oh** ☆ ..... Korea
9. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
10. **Adrian Arreola** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Savage 12. Jorge Lujan 13. Sergio Zambrano 14. Irving Mitchell 15. Tyrone Jackson 16. Lupe Suarez 17. Juan Antonio Lopez 18. Tommy Cordova 19. Dana Roston 20. Juvenal Ordenes.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan (Kid) Meza**** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
4. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas
10. **Seung-Hoon Lee** ..... Korea

11. Daniel Blanco 12. Leonardo Cruz 13. Raul Gonzalez 13. Ramon Dominguez 14. Tommy Valoy 15. Jose Meneses 16. Ji-Won Kim 17. Bernardo Checa 18. Samart Payakaroon 19. Antonio Rivera 20. Yun-Kap Choi.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

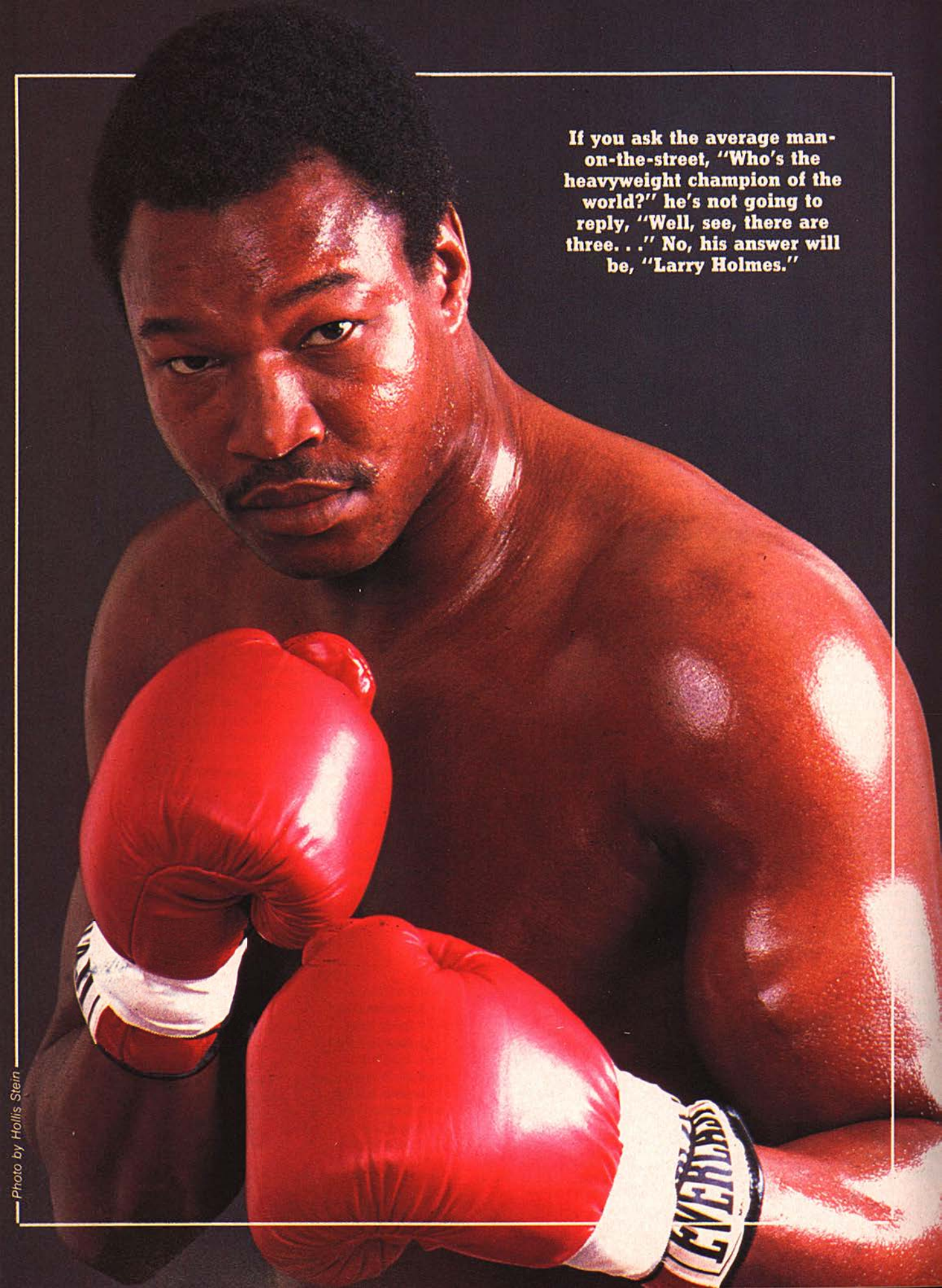
RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
5. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
6. **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
7. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
8. **Jerome Coffee** ..... Nashville, Tenn.
9. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
10. **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Harold Petty 12. Cardenio Ulloa 13. Santos Laciar 14. Chan-Young Park 15. Kazuo Katsuma 16. Lucio Lopez 17. Jeff Fenech 18. Jose Chacon 19. Benito Badilla 20. Gustavo Ballas.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
4. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
6. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
8. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
10. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Freddie Castillo 12. Isidro Perez 13. Antoine Montero 14. Jorge Cano 15. Soon-Chun Kwon 16. German Torres 17. Prudencio Cardona 18. Francisco Montiel 19. Reinaldo Becerra 20. Javier Lucas.



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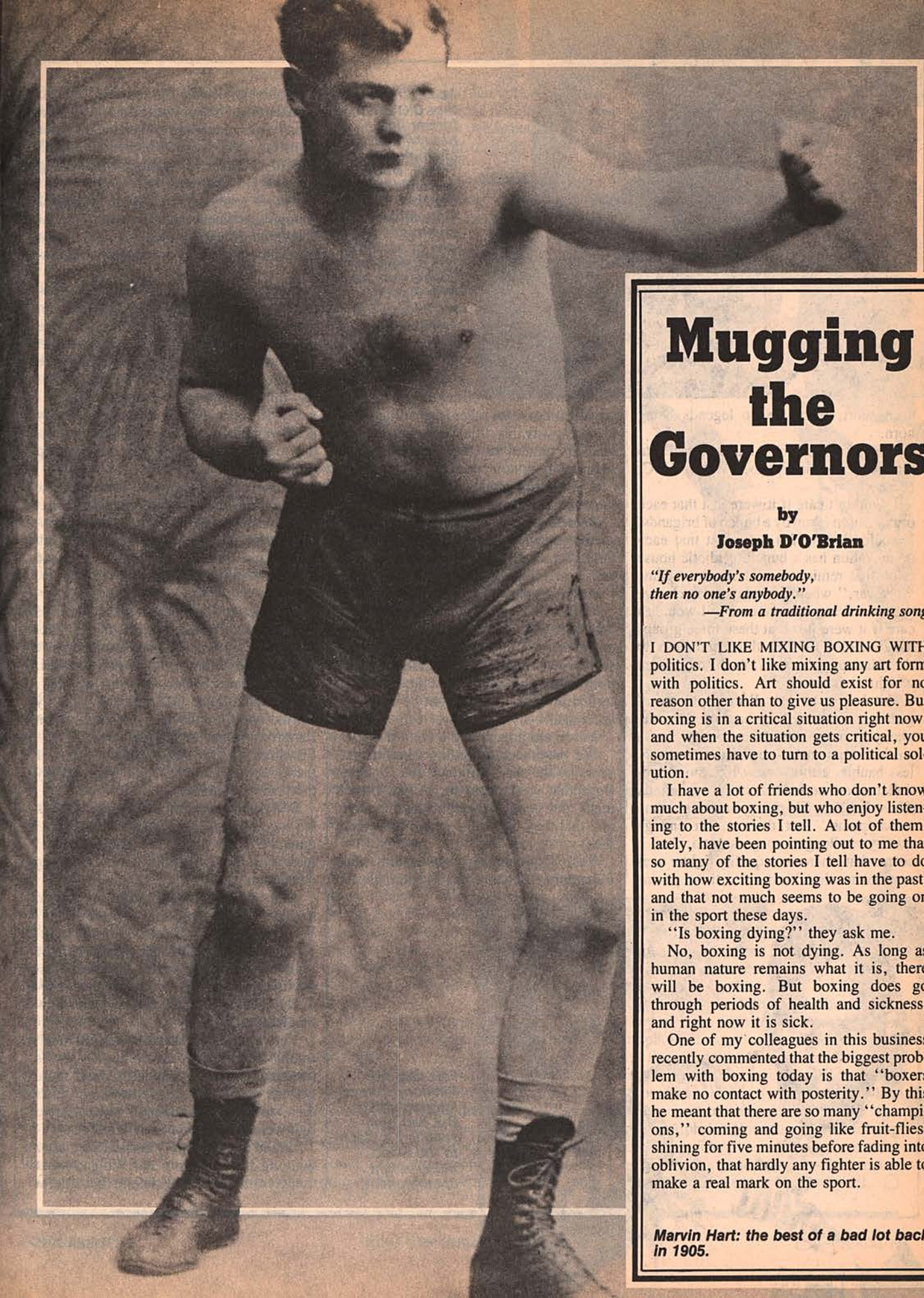


Mugging the Governors

by

Joseph D'O'Brian

"If everybody's somebody,
then no one's anybody."
—From a traditional drinking song

I DON'T LIKE MIXING BOXING WITH politics. I don't like mixing any art form with politics. Art should exist for no reason other than to give us pleasure. But boxing is in a critical situation right now, and when the situation gets critical, you sometimes have to turn to a political solution.

I have a lot of friends who don't know much about boxing, but who enjoy listening to the stories I tell. A lot of them, lately, have been pointing out to me that so many of the stories I tell have to do with how exciting boxing was in the past, and that not much seems to be going on in the sport these days.

"Is boxing dying?" they ask me.

No, boxing is not dying. As long as human nature remains what it is, there will be boxing. But boxing does go through periods of health and sickness, and right now it is sick.

One of my colleagues in this business recently commented that the biggest problem with boxing today is that "boxers make no contact with posterity." By this he meant that there are so many "champions," coming and going like fruit-flies, shining for five minutes before fading into oblivion, that hardly any fighter is able to make a real mark on the sport.

Marvin Hart: the best of a bad lot back in 1905.

According to author D'O'Brian, former light heavyweight champion Jose Torres, who is currently head of the New York state athletic commission, is one of boxing's few honest men. Jose is seen here with Fighting Harada, one of Japan's great champions from the past.

In short, there are no legends being born.

This problem can be traced directly to nine letters of the alphabet: WBA, WBC, IBF.

I wouldn't care if it were just that each organization is run by a bunch of brigands. I wouldn't care if it were just that each organization has a bunch of idiotic house rules that remind one of the card game "Tegwar," where any player can change the rules at any given moment. I wouldn't care if it were just that these three groups have saddled us with three claimants to the championships of each of fifteen weight divisions.

But I do care that all these things together really are killing boxing. So many phony champs have been created that a world championship has become a worthless bauble, a throwaway like those two-dollar neon necklaces that they sell on Waverly Place. There are, in fact, so many "champions" that there aren't enough quality challengers to go around. And it seems that whenever a quality fighter does manage to claw his way to the top, one organization or the other is standing ready to take away his title because of some fancied insult to that organization's sovereignty.

Another thing that I care about is that we could do something about it.

Remember, when you were little, how scared you were of the playground bully—until you finally hit him in the nose and saw him run away crying? That's what I'm talking about: regaining control.

What I'm saying is that boxers—the men who should be controlling boxing—could do just that. They—boxers themselves—could take on all three organizations at once, and win. And if boxers controlled boxing, it just might be a healthy sport again.

Yes, I am advocating a coup d'état.

We have been so brainwashed in past years by the sheer hubris of the Alphabet Boys that we tend to forget that boxers really did control the sport at one time, and that they didn't do such a bad job at that.

Yes, Virginia, there was a time when a champion (only one per division, please) was able to decide for himself who he would defend his crown against. And he'd usually pick a leading contender, too, not some guy from Upper Volta with a record of 3-17. (Payola is alive and well in boxing today, I kid you not.)

Boxers were once even powerful enough that when a champion retired, that champion himself could see to it that there'd be no confusion about his successor.

Can you imagine what would have happened if the Alphabet Boys had been in power when Jim Jeffries gave up the heavyweight title in 1905? They might have started by creating two or three claimants to that title, and by the present day this figure might have inflated to seventy or eighty. Can you imagine eighty heavyweight champs? Well, that's down the road as these governing bodies keep proliferating.

In the case of Jeffries, there was no such confusion. Jeffries simply took it upon himself to name the two leading contenders for the title—Marvin Hart and Jack Root—and refereed a match between them, awarding the title to the winner, Hart.

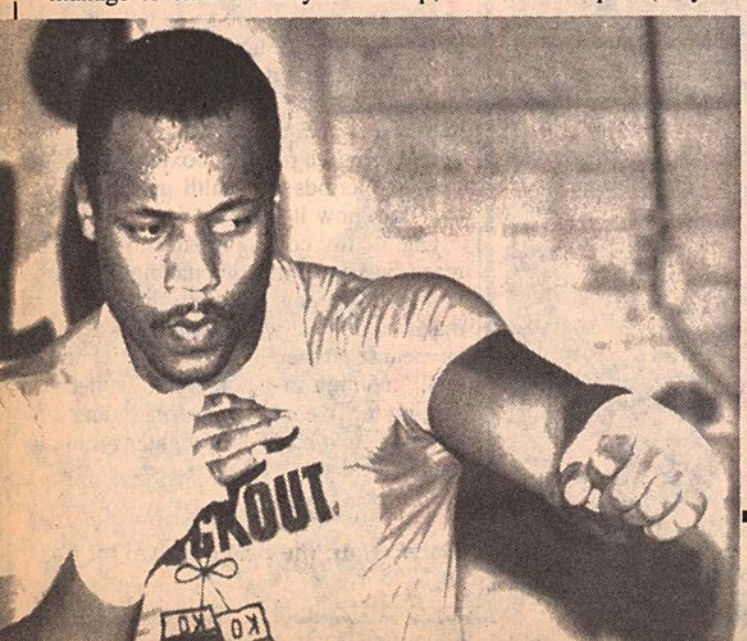
Boxing experts might scoff at Hart and Root as second-rate fighters, but the fact was that they were the top contenders at the time. Jack Johnson was still untested, and had been beaten by Hart anyway. Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns were light-heavyweights; Sam Langford was a middleweight; Bob Fitzsimmons and Peter Maher were over the hill. So Hart and Root were simply the best of a bad lot.

Still, who gave Jeffries the right to pick his successor like that? The same guy that gave the WBA and WBC that right. And look who they generally list as "leading contenders!"

And did you know that boxers even used to have some say about weight limits? Well, when Willie Ritchie won the lightweight championship back in 1912, the lightweight limit was 133. When he lost the title two years later, the limit had magically changed to 135. Ever wonder how this happened?

Very simple. Ritchie just had too much trouble making 133. As he put it, "I was too small for a middleweight, and there was no money in the welterweight class then, so I had to find some way to stay a lightweight."

He did this by simply announcing, after winning the title from Ad Wolgast, that thenceforth he would defend his title at



Few dispute Pinklon Thomas' fighting ability. But just how valid is his claim to the world heavyweight championship—

— Associated Press Photo

135. How did the rest of the boxing community react to this? They just said, "Okay."

José Sulaiman would probably bust a gut if he heard that story today. (Hey, why doesn't someone tell it to him?) If someone were to suggest such a thing to him, or to any other of the Alphabet Boys, they'd probably counter with the creation of a new division, the Macro-Lightweights.

If you'll examine the records, you'll find that champions were generally able to administer their own reigns, deciding for themselves who to fight and when to fight, until about 1960. And for the most part, they did a creditable job. Titles were defended regularly, leading contenders usually got their shots, and any disputes over claims to a title were settled in the ring.

There were exceptions. Jack Dempsey once went three years without defending his heavyweight title. Marcel Thil held onto the middleweight throne for five years by defending it against pieces of cold meat.

But you can count these exceptions, spanning from 1890 to 1960, on your fingers. To count the mismatches, capricious strippings, phony titles and other shenanigans of the Alphabet Boys over the past 25 years would require several dozen pairs of hands.

So here's what I'm suggesting: The various champions of the world have got to realize that the Alphabet Boys are empty shells. They may look powerful, but just remember that the Wizard of Oz was just an old man behind a screen. For the good of boxing, our champions must knock that screen down and take control.

The first step is that in each division, the several "champions" must get together and create a "people's champ." They can do this by simply having a box-off. So what if none of the Alphabet Boys will sanction it? So much the better! It's been proven over and over that given the proper publicity, fights between quality fighters make money. And just think of the publicity that'll be generated by a whole bunch of top-notch boxers publicly defying the Alphabet Boys!

They won't have to do it themselves, either. There aren't many honest men in boxing, but there are a few—men like Ed Gersh, Floyd Patterson, José Torres—who are both honest enough and powerful enough to lend their efforts to a movement like this.

Once they've accomplished this first step, there'll be one man in each division who's recognized by the people as the one true champion. The Alphabet Boys can recognize whomever they please and see how far it gets them.

Think this can't be done? Ah, come on! We have a walking example of a "people's champ" right now: Larry Holmes.

Never mind that he's officially known as the "IBF World Heavyweight Champion." That title implies that his claim to the throne is no more valid than those of WBC champ Pinklon Thomas or WBA champ Tony Tubbs. But if you ask the average man- in-the-street, "Who's the heavyweight champion of the world?" he's not going to reply, "Well, see, there are three . . ." No, his answer will be, "Larry Holmes!"

Larry Holmes never needed the IBF to recognize him; quite the contrary. It was the IBF who needed Larry Holmes—as the headliner to open their show. If they hadn't been able to induce Holmes to abandon his WBC crown and be recognized by the IBF, they'd have been about as politically potent as Harold Stassen.

Once these "people's champs" have been created in each division, it'll be up to those champs to maintain the integrity of the sport. This shouldn't be hard for them to do. All they'll have to do is defend their crowns against deserving opponents at reasonable intervals. They'll be operating on an honor system, but that shouldn't be a problem. Boxers—as opposed to other types of boxing people—are an honorable bunch of men. There is a traditional sense of fraternity among boxers, and they treat each other with friendship and fairness.

Furthermore, the average boxer is happy to meet a quality opponent. It's rare to find a boxer ducking another boxer of his own free will. Floyd Patterson, Jimmy Wilde, Bob Olin, Jack Britton and countless others ended up losing their titles to men they knew would beat them. They met these challenges because they were champions, each with a champion's sense of honor.

Okay, I hear you saying, you've told us how it can be done, but why should it be done?

Look at history. Chart the peaks and valleys of boxing's prestige over the past century. You'll find that interest in boxing hit its highs when there were established champions, established stars. It hit low points when championships were in dispute, when there were no fighters who had proven themselves as men whose reputations would last. Boxing flourished, in short, when boxers "made contact with posterity."

When Willie Richie had trouble making 133 pounds, he arbitrarily raised the lightweight limit to 135.

Boxers don't fight only for money. They do it for the recognition as well. Not the phony recognition of a dime-store belt, but the recognition that comes from their fellow fighters and their fans. Without that recognition, they don't survive. And when boxers don't survive, neither does boxing.

The Alphabet Boys have given nothing to boxing. They've just sucked out a lot of blood. It's time someone lit a match under them and made them drop off. □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**VISALIA—Recreation Park**—Veteran Mike Jameson, 227, San Jose, was taken the distance by Sylvester Lee, 203, Gardena, but won unanimously over 10 interesting rounds in the main event of an open air show at the minor league Visalia Oaks Baseball Park. The California commission was reluctant to approve Lee, who had never been past six rounds. However, Lee floored Jameson with a left uppercut in the fourth and was always competitive, if a bit too defensive to win. Scoring: referee Marty Sammon, 96-93; judge Dave Nelson, 99-91; judge Bob Mitchell, 97-94.

Amateur star Lupe Gutierrez, 128, San Jose, impressively halted game Rafael Gudino, 127½, Santa Maria, at 2:51 of the fourth of a scheduled six. Gudino was battered to the canvas in the third and the fourth. Nelson, referee.

Street fighter Steve Tausan, 163½, San Jose, kayoed Terry Verners, 165, Fresno, in 2:55 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Tausan was ahead (40-35, 40-36, 38-38) on points, but the more stylish Verners was beginning to dominate when he was floored by a crushing right. Verners had no chance of beating the count of referee Nelson.

Randy Archuleta, 130, Selma, defeated tough Jorge Zamora, 131, Los Banos, who was counted out in 1:27 of the sixth and final round. It looked like a blowout in the early rounds but Zamora made it very difficult for Archuleta in the fourth and fifth. Scoring through five: referee Mitchell, 48-48; judge Sammon, 49-46; judge Nelson, 48-47.

Luis Prado, 119½, made a winning debut when he stopped Enrique Guzman, 119½, Los Banos, in 1:09 of the fourth and final round. Guzman was floored in the first and the fourth. He was up at eight after the second knockdown but referee Sammon completed the count.

Hector Lizzaraga, 124, Fresno, was floored in the first, but won the next three rounds and a unanimous decision over Joe Martinez, 122¾, Visalia, four. Scoring: referee Mitchell, 38-37; Nelson, 39-37; Sammon, 39-37.

Clay Worthley, timekeeper
Jerry Seydel, ringside physician
(06-21-85)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—George Garcia, 120, Westminster, knocked out Tadashi Maruo, 119, Los Angeles, with a right hand to the jaw that sent the Japanese fighter tumbling across the ring with only one second remaining in the 10th and final round. Despite losing every round, Maruo always looked like lasting the distance—even when he was punched-pushed to the canvas halfway through the 10th. A cut over Garcia's right eye bled periodically from the third. Pat Connolly, referee.

Hedgemon Robertson, 143, Carson, TKO'd Eddie Nuno, 143, Pomona, at 2:31 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10—officially because of a wide gash over Nuno's right eye, although Nuno was weakening rapidly and would not have lasted much longer. The much quicker Robertson peppered Nuno with left jabs and rights to the head along with vicious hooks to the body. Nuno was also cut over the left eye in the second. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Two-time United States Olympic representative Robert Shannon, 123, Edmonds, Washington, forced the fight all the way, but still struggled to win a six-round majority decision over elusive Ralph Gutierrez, 119½, Temple City. Gutierrez would have earned a draw but referee Connolly did not see a crisp short right to the chin which floored Shannon in the final round. Scoring: referee Connolly, 59-56; judge Larry Rozadilla, 58-58; judge Hassett, 58-56.

Talented Genaro Hernandez, 130, Los Angeles, scored a repeat near shutout points victory over amateur star Dino Ramirez, 129¾, La Puente, in a very hard six. The determined Ramirez threw a lot of punches, but the quality always came from the lanky unbeaten Hernandez. Scoring: referee Hassett, 59-55; judge Connolly, 59-55; judge Rozadilla, 60-54.

Unbeaten United States olympic trials finalist David Gutierrez, 147, San Diego, scored his best win to date when he forced once-beaten Norman Gabourel, 149, Los Angeles, to retire on his stool at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Gutierrez punched with precision, flooring Gabourel in the first and third, and was even more impressive defensively. Connolly, referee.

John Armijo, 157½, Huntington Beach, was lucky to win a four-round unanimous decision over Frank Martinez, 156, Temple City; but even more astonishing was the one-sided (40-36, 40-37, 40-37) scoring. Martinez certainly landed more punches, so he must have been penalized for continued holding. Connolly, referee.

Greg Puente, 131, Alhambra, kayoed Rene Bonilla, 135, Van Nuys, with a heavy right to the head in 2:09 of the first round in a scheduled four. Connolly, referee.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer
(06-24-85)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—Charlie (White Lightning) Brown, 142¼, North Hollywood, the newest addition to the very successful Ten Goose Boxing Stable, scored a knockout over courageous Ted Michaliszyn, 140, Las Vegas, in 0:25 of the 10th and final round. Michaliszyn always walked forward, despite absorbing tremendous punishment; he was down in the sixth and ninth and at least eight points behind on every official's scorecard when he suffered an unnecessary devastating 10th round knockdown. Brown, who improved his record to 24-2 after two consecutive losses, was rocked repeatedly in the fourth. Kenny Davis, referee.

Emilio Barrera, 147, Commerce, overcame a second round knockdown to unanimously outpoint hard-hitting Jorge Lua, 147, La Puenta. Lua went down heavily in the fifth and was in serious trouble in the sixth. Scoring: referee Tony Guitron, 57-55; judge Gwen Farrell, 58-54; judge Davis, 58-55.

Prospect Fidel Briseno, 120, Los Angeles, floored and stopped Roberto Pantoja, 120½, Los Angeles, in 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee Guitron's intervention may have been a bit hasty, but the debuting Pantoja was clearly outclassed.

Club favorite Manny Olivas, 120, Canoga Park, had to weather a difficult first, but was clearly in charge when he TKO'd debuting Roberto Salazar, 122, Baldwin Park, at 2:02 of the third round in a hard fought scheduled four. A bad cut over the left optic finished Salazar. Guitron, referee.

Francisco Diaz, 150, Culver City, was fortunate to draw with Vernard Weems, 149½, North Hollywood, in another excellent four. Weems' skill more than offset Diaz' constant aggression. Scoring: referee Guitron, 39-37, Diaz; judge Farrell, 39-38, Weems; judge Davis, 39-39.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer
(06-25-85)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Promising Richard Aguirre, 148, San Diego, floored and stopped Jose Cebreros, 150, Mexicali, in 2:37 of the second of a scheduled 10. Aguirre (11-0) is ready for better opposition. Martin Denkin, referee.

Adolfo Lopez, 133, Los Angeles, flattened local favorite Alex Madrid, 124, San Diego, with a lead right to the chin in 0:14 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Fritz Werner, referee.

Art Jimmerson, 175, Los Angeles, scored his second consecutive first round win when he kayoed badly overmatched Manuel Leyva, 165, Tijuana, in 2:24 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Ruben Proa, 131, National City, unanimously outpointed Heriberto Chavez, 131, Tijuana, six. Chavez is never in a bad fight. Scoring: referee Werner, 60-56; judge Denkin, 59-55; judge Hal Rickards, 59-57.

Unbeaten Tony Deluca, 113, San Diego, knocked out inept Jose Morales, 114, Tijuana, in 2:37 of the second round in their scheduled six. Morales was down twice in the first and once in the second. Werner, referee.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Fred Lewis, ring announcer.
(06-27-85)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez, 142, Mexico City, was a one point split decision winner over favored Rene Arredondo, 142½, Los Angeles, in a gruelling, very exciting world class 10. Gonzalez (33-3-1) scored the fight's only knockdown with a right in the first and also did well in a punishing third. Arredondo (35-2), who was hoping to fight for the WBC junior welterweight title, came back to take control in rounds four through six, but Gonzalez rallied to win frames seven through nine. Needing a knockdown to win, Arredondo dominated the final round; but he could not put down the badly shaken but determined Gonzalez. Both boxers were marked near the right eye and suffered nose injuries in the brutal battle, which was witnessed by 7,500 fans. Scoring: referee Martin Denkin, 96-94, Gonzalez; judge John Thomas, 96-95, Gonzalez; judge Larry Rozadilla, 90-95, Arredondo.

In another upset, Jorge Ramirez, 123, East Los Angeles, consistently beat third ranked Oscar Muniz, 123½, Pico Rivera, to the punch and won a split duke, 10. Muniz was rather controversially outpointed by Greg Richardson last time out. This time, the scoring was kind to Muniz, a clear loser on *The Ring* scorecard. Officially: referee Thomas, 96-95, Muniz; judge Rozadilla, 96-95, Ramirez; judge Robert Byrd, 97-93, Ramirez.

Carlos Manzano, 119½, San Pedro, was a repeat unanimous points winner over Juvenal Molina, 119, East Los Angeles, six. Manzano again floored and frustrated Molina, not losing a round. Thomas, referee.

Debuting Fernando Guzman, 129, Los Angeles, was too hard hitting for competent Lamart Baker, 128, Las Vegas, who was unanimously outpointed in a good six. Baker was hurt several times, but managed to survive. Scoring: referee Byrd, 58-57; judge Thomas, 59-58; judge Rozadilla, 59-56.

Nabor Saucedo, 123, Los Angeles, scored his first win in three tries with a fourth round knockout victory over debuting Alfred Gonzales, 123, Chino, who was flattened in 2:57 of the fourth and final round. Gonzales was also floored in the first and, despite fighting bravely, never looked like beating the harder hitting Saucedo. Byrd, referee.

Debuting ticket seller Tony Paisson, 160¼, Pasadena, pounded Danny Sheppard, 162, Rialto, to defeat in 1:14 of the second round in their scheduled four. Byrd, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(07-03-85)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Tournament favorite Lupe Suarez, 125¾, Corpus Christi, advanced to the finals of The Forum Featherweight Tournament with a close 10-round majority win over experienced Jorge (Rocky) Garcia, 125¾, Placentia. Suarez scored more often, but Garcia's inside spoiling and sneak right hand leads gave the unbeaten southpaw plenty of problems in a very tough, physical fight. Suarez bled from the fourth on from a cut over his right eye, probably caused by one of the many head clashes. Scoring: judge Lou Filippo, 95-95; judge Vince Delgado, 96-95; referee Rudy Jordan, 98-93.

Dio Colome, 146¾, Los Angeles, was too strong for Kel Robin, 144, Miami, in a first round Forum Welterweight Tournament fight scheduled for 10. Robin was just about defenseless on the ropes when referee Filippo intervened at 2:14 of the fifth.

In another welterweight elimination bout, sharp punching Jerome Kinney, 145¾, Detroit, ignored a possible broken jaw and rallied in the final two rounds to win a split decision over fellow southpaw Robert Sawyer, 147, Washington, D.C. Kinney made all the early running. He then boxed on the retreat after having been floored and in desperate trouble in the fourth. Scoring: referee Delgado, 96-94, Kinney; judge Jordan, 95-94, Sawyer; judge Filippo, 97-93, Kinney.

Lucilo Nolasco, 118½, Los Angeles, impressively halted brave Javier Lara, 117¾, Panorama City, in 0:37 of the fifth and final round. Lara was down twice. Delgado, referee.

Tyrone Jones, 148, Los Angeles, had an easy win over Francisco Diaz, 149½, Culver City, in just 1:50 of the first round in a scheduled four. Diaz had already been on the deck when he was flattened by a right. Delgado, referee.

Prospect Voltaire Williams, 174, Inglewood, was surprisingly held to a four-round draw by Robert Williams, 174½, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Filippo, 39-37, Voltaire; judge Delgado, 38-38; judge Jordan, 39-38, Williams.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(07-08-85)

▶**BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium**—Dennis Mulholland, 145, Bakersfield, retained his WAA welterweight title with a unanimous but close 15-round decision over Raymundo (Battling) Torres, 145, Reynosa, Mexico. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 147-140; judge Larry Rozadilla, 143-142; judge Martin Denkin, 144-142.

Alex Galvan, 130, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed Joe Perez, 130, Los Angeles, eight. Perez fights just well enough to lose. Scoring: referee Denkin, 78-74; judge Dick Young, 77-75; judge Rozadilla, 77-75.

Mike Sedillo, 175¾, Chino, kayoed overmatched Juan Paulo Antk, 176¼, Oxnard, in 2:37 of the fourth round in a scheduled

eight. Denkin, referee.
Henry Johnson, 157, Los Angeles, shockingly halted Israel Cole, 156, Bakersfield, in 1:48 of the second in a scheduled six. Cole was flattened twice in the second after easily dominating the first. Denkin, referee.
Gene Salazar, 126, Bakersfield, came from behind to floor and stop Israel Bazan, 128½, in 0:29 of the third round in a very hard fought scheduled four.
(07-09-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

CONNECTICUT

▶**WEST HARTFORD—Angoira Ballroom**—Milton (Cuda) Leaks, 146, Hartford, Conn., came off the deck in round three, knocked down Chico Rosa, 147, Springfield, Mass., twice, and won by a unanimous decision in the eight-round main event.
Hanging loose, with arms down and gloves just above his knees, Leaks repeatedly stepped in with clusters of punches to wipe out the slight edge Rosa had gained at the midway point. Chico had dropped Milton to his knees, his head on the canvas, with a right to the head in the third.
Two crisp clouts and a follow-up left flush on the face spilled Rosa in the fifth round. It was the second time he had been down, and Cuda went on to sweep the last four innings and win with ease.
Felix Cortez, 124, Wallingford, earned a majority decision over Juan Muriel, also 124, New York, six.
Herb Cox, 188, Hartford, and Doug McCollum, 186, Brooklyn, drew, four.
Adam Hilliman, 155, Hartford, outpointed Jake Riley, 152, New York, four.
Dan Smith, 172, Hartford, stopped Jose Verdejo, 173, Holyoke, Mass., in the first round of their slated four.
Ray Doughty, 138, Brooklyn, outscored Kenny Rodriguez, 136, Waterburyy, four.
Officials—Walter Longo, Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Ring Announcer—Lou Dell.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein, M.D.
Attendance—327. Gross—$3,452.
(07-09-85)

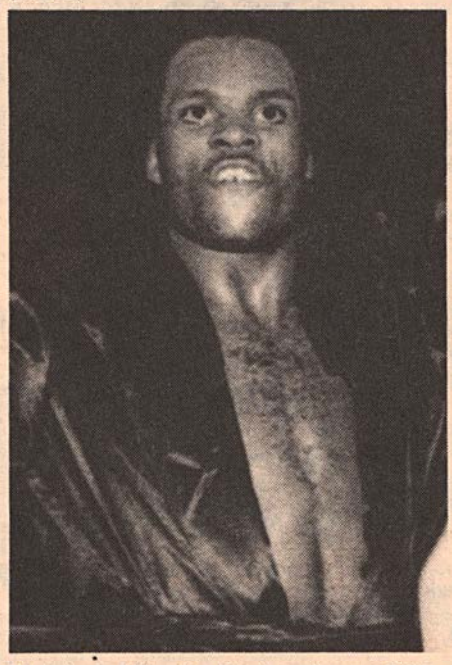
JOSEPH CASSANO

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

▶**WASHINGTON—Starplex Armory**—Darryl Tyson, 136½, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over tough veteran James Martinez, 137½, Houston, Texas, 10. Tyson is now 20-1. Martinez is 44-28.
Al Martino, 138, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over William Reed, 135, Baltimore, eight.
Jack Johnson, 170, Washington, D.C., TKO'd fading Robert McConnell, 181½, Washington, D.C., at 0:41 of the second in their scheduled eight-rounder.
Calvin Beatty, 176, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Reggie Lee, 170, Washington, D.C., four. Beatty is now 3-2. Lee is 7-5.
Leroy Brooks, 127, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Floyd Simmons, 123½, Baltimore, in the four-round opener. Brooks is now 5-1.
Referees—Milton Greene, Sylvester Stevenson.
Judges—Norvell Lee, Pat Montgomery, Larry Snead.
Timekeepers—Julian Whitestone, Paul McGarvey.
Ring Announcers—Gregg Mosso, Richard Coward.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Major Gladden, Dr. William Thompson.
Monumental Productions.
(05-11-85)

▶**WASHINGTON—Convention Center**—Tommy Ayers, 150, Cincinnati, Ohio, won a split decision over Tony (The Witch Doctor) Ojo, also 150, Reston, Va., 10. This bout was a real war, with Ayers down in the first round via a thundering left hook. Scoring: Toni Johnson, 97-94, Ayers; Lawrence Snead, 99-97, Ayers; Tom Green, 97-94, Ojo. *The Ring* had it 95-94, Ojo.

Former world middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo, 159, howard Beach, New York, won a unanimous decision over cautious Larry mcCall, 157, Cincinnati, 10. Vito's timing was off.
Al Martino, 134, Washington, D.C., and Jocko King, 136½, Philadelphia, drew, eight.
John McQueen Toliaferro, 137, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over William Reed, 134½, Washington, D.C., six.
George Leach, 147½, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Earl Holman, 144, Norfolk, Va., at 2:32 of the first round in a scheduled four.
Referees—Milton Greene, Sylvester Stevens.
Timekeepers—Floyd Lumpkins, Paul McGarvey.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. DeWitty, Dr. Barbour.
Monumental Productions.
(05-25-85)
▶**WASHINGTON—Convention Center**—Darryl Tyson, 134½, Washington, D.C., won the vacant Continental Americas lightweight title with a rather lopsided unanimous decision over Melvin (The Tank) Paul, also 134½, New Orleans, La., 12.
The scores were 116-106, 120-104, and 118-105. Tyson is now 21-1. Paul, down in round nine, is 20-6.
Former triple champion Wilfred Benitez, 156, TKO'd Danny Chapman, 158½, Albany, New York, in a scheduled 10. The referee would not let Chapman answer the bell for round seven.
Al Martino, 132½, Washhington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Zack Bensalah, 138, Morocco, eight.
Debuting Donnie Parker, 128, Baltimore, won an undeserved split verdict over Leroy (Sugar) Brooks, 122, Washington, D.C., six. Parker was down in rounds four and six.
Larry Pringle, 135, Washington, D.C., won a split duke over Willie McNeal, 129½, Philadelphia, four.
Jose LaBorde, 136, Bridgeport, Conn., halted Henry Hawkins, 135, Washington, D.C., at 2:05 of the third round in their schheduled four.
Monumental Productions.
Referees—Sylvester Stevens, Milton Greene.
Judges—Tom Green, Norvell Lee, Patricia Montgomery.
Timekeeper—Floyd Lumpkin. Knockdown Timer—Paul McGarvey.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Gladden, Dr. DeWitty.
(07-06-85)



Undefeated Maurice Blocker shows off his NABF welterweight championship belt shortly after scoring a unanimous 12 round decision over Pedro Vilella.

▶**WASHINGTON—convention Center**—Maurice Blocker, 147, Washington, D.C., won the NABF welterweight crown with a unanimous decision over defending champion Pedro Vilella, 146½, New York, 12. The scores were 117-112, 118-110, and 120-108. Milton Greene refereed.
Blocker, now 20-0, made good use of his left jab, as per the instructions of his trainer, Jose (Pepe) Correa. Vilella, 18-3-1, was unusualy aggressive.
Simon Brown, 153, Washington, D.C., TKO'd sub Randy Mitchum, 144½, Lincolnton, N.C., in the first round of a scheduled 10. Blocker is now 21-0 with 15 kayoes. Mitchum, who was on the canvas twice, is 27-14-1. Milton Greene, referee.
Charles Boston, 159½, Trenton, N.J., won a unanimous decision over 30-year-old Jose (Speedy) Gonzalez, 134, Virginia Beach, Va., six. Spann is now 8-0. Gonzalez is 30-17-1.
Phil Gilberti, 195, Kensington, Md., TKO'd debuting Mike Seidman, 177½, at 0:30 of the second round in a scheduled four. Seidman, down in the first session, suffered a dislocated shoulder and could not continue. Gilberti is now 2-0.
Rodney Byrd, 141, Washington, D.C., made his pro debut withh a unanimous decision over Shelton Nixon, 145, Portsmouth, Va., four. Nixon is now 4-4.
Referees—Milton Greene, Sylvester Stevens.
Judges—Norvell Lee, Antoinette Johnson, Shjeila Harmon, Steve Crosson.
Timekeeper—Floyd Lumpkin.
Knockdown Timer—Julian Whitestone.
Ring Announcer—Ray Mosso.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Andrew Fischer, Dr. Thompson.
Star Sport, Inc.
(07-23-85)

JOHN SCHEINMAN

FLORIDA

▶**FT. LAUDERDALE—Galt Ocean Mile Hotel**—Leslie Stewart, 177, Trinidad, TKO'd Dennis Roberts, 170½, Spartanburg, S.C., at 0:43 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round main event. A few jabs set Roberts up for the sharp left hook-right cross combo that put him down and on Queer Street. he beat referee Eddie Echart's 10-count, but was in no shape to continue. Stewart is now 17-0 with 12 kayoes.
Gilberto Colon, 164, Puerto Rico, won a majority decision over Arnold Neil, 162½, Ft. Lauderdale, in a humdinger, eight. Colon is now 7-0. Bill Connors, referee.
Dexter Smith, 152½, homestead, won every round on his way to aneasy six-round verdict over Billy Cunningham, 148½, Miami. Cunningham was down once in the fourth round and twice in the fifth. Harry Brenner, referee.
Angelo Gray, 151½, hallandale, won a unanimous decision over Steve Lobelle, 154, Lake Worth, four. Eddie Echart, referee. Gray is trained by Beau Jack.
Mark Brawood, 138½, South Africa, made his pro debut byt knocking our Ricky Jones, 139½, Sunrise, with a terrific right to the chin in 0:30 of the second round in their scheduled four. Harry Brenner, referee.
Esmond Finger, 185, floored James Grady, 213½, Spartanbuurg, three times in the first round for a TKO at 1:42. Bill Connors, referee.
Promoter—James Cavo.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—900 (estimated).
(07-12-85)

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Cameo Theatre**—Pedro Laza, 144, Miami, scored with flashy combinations to win a unanimous decision over Fernando Martinez, also 144, Miami, 10. Bill Connors, referee. Laza, originally from Cuba, is now 26-5-1.
Jose mosqueda, 129¾, Venezuela, TKO'd John Cajjina, 129¼, Nicaragua, who failed to answer the bell for the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Eddie Echart, referee.
Mike Cruz, 129¼, Puerto Rico, won a majority decision over Julio Gonzalez, also 129¼, Mexico, six. Harry Brennan, referee.
Rolando Sosa, 123¼, Cuba, won a unanimous decision over Rafael Fortes, 119½, Miami, four. Eddie Echart, referee.
Clinton Mack, 151¼, Miami, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Harold Williams, 148, Charlotte, N.C., four. Harry Brennan, referee.
Promoter—Francisco Alba.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
(07-19-85)

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Convention Center**—Popular Keith Adams, 158½, Ft. Lauderdale, got back on the winning track with a TKO over jackie Shaw, also 158½, New York, at 1:58 of round seven in a scheduled 10. Bill Conors, referee. Adams is now 18-1-2.
Jose Ribalta, 218, Miami, came up off the canvas in the ninth to win a unanimous decision over Ernie Barr, 210, Nassau, Bahamas, 10. Eddie Echart, referee.
Marc Brawood, 140, Sunrise, halted David Fowler, 139¾, Miami, at 0:59 of the second round in a scheduled six.
Johnny Goodwin, 155¼, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd Everton McEwan, 160½, Toronto, at 2:28 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee Bernie Soto stepped in after McEwan was floored twice.
Pete Wabuda, 222, Miami Beach, kayoed Mike Williams, also 222, Dayton, Ohio, in 1:50 of the first in their scheduled four.
Uriah Grant, 182¼, Jamaica, TKO'dFrederic Jenkins, 175¾, Miami, who was unable to answer the bell for the second round. Eddie Echart, referee.
Promoter—Roosevelt Ivory.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
(07-23-85)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

LOUISIANA

▶**METAIRIE—Landmark Hotel**—Buster Drayton, 155½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Dennis Johnson, 153½, Baton Rouge, La., in the 10th and final session of the main event.
Six-rounders: Timmy Rabon, 149, Broussard, La., TKO'd Jimmy Mitchell, 147, Meridian, Miss., in the second. John Duplessis, 139, New Orleans, TKO'd James Sanders, 135½, Maridian, in the fourth. Darren Van Horn, 151, Morgan City, La., TKO'd Alonzo Stringfellow, 158½, Meridian, in the first. Boyd Trahan, 131½, Lafayette, La., TKO'd Clarence Chambers, 134, New Orleans, in the fifth round. Tyler Dupuy, 160, New Orleans, and James Howard, 166, New Orleans, drew.
Referees—Charlie Joseph, Lucien Jaubert, Erniue Cojoe.
Judges—Peter Giarusso, Paul Sita.
Timekeeper—Joe Rando.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Jack Castrogiovanni.
Ring Announcer—Bobby Stephens.
Promoter—Ray Peacock.
(06-10-85)
▶**METAIRE**—Paul Whitaker, 158, Metairie, knocked out Donald Varnado, 151, Bogalusa, La., in the fourth frame of the scheduled 10-round main event.
LaVeil Stanley, 166, Hammmond, La., TKO'd michael Wix, 173, New Orleans, in the sixth and final session.
Four-rounders: Tim Adams, 207, Kenner, La., TKO'd Lamont Dunford, 204½, New Orleans, in the second. Rene Supulveda, 161, Kenner, TKO'd Paulk Graves, 164, Meridian, in the fourth round. John Hooks, 150, Hammond, TKO'd Marc Henderson, 1489, Thibodeaux, La., in the third. Eric McKee, 133, Kenner, kayoed Gerard Hawley,. also 133, Thibodeaux, in the first.
Referees—Lucien Jaubert, Peter Sita.
Judges—Ernie Cojoe, Paul Sita.
Timekeepers—Joe Rando, John Femia.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Jack Castrogiovanni.
Ring Announcer—Champ Clark.
J.F.J. Promotions.
(06-18-85)
▶**LAFAYETTE**—Darrell Savoy, 130, Carencro, La., won the vacant Louisiana State junior lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Bryan Rogers, also 130, Marrero, La., 12.
Shelton LeBlanc, 133, Carencro, TKO'd Ted Hatfield, 137, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Kenny Vioce, 132, Youngsville, La., TKO'd Troy Thompson, 135, Chicago, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.
Tim Rabon, 146, Broussard, TKO'd Donald Chassion, also 146, Waggerman, La., in the third round of a scheduled six.
Darren Van Horn, 149, Morgan City, outscored Reggie Dixon, 147, Marrero, six.

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Referees—Peter Giarusso, E.P. Shreve.
Judges—Billy Roth, Dot LeBlanc.
Timekeeper—George LeBlanc.
Ringside Physician—Dr. J. Lee Leonard.
Ring Announcer—Rene Prejean.
Top Pro Boxing, Inc.
Promoter—Glenn J. Armentor.
(06-26-85)

MARYLAND

▶**BALTIMORE—Fifth Regiment Armory**—In a scheduled 10, Vincent Pettway, 143½, Baltimore, TKO'd Antoine Lark, 140½, Indianapolis, Ind., at 1:04 of round two. Lark was dropped once in that round, as well as in the first. Harry Checcini, referee.

Eddie Van Kirk, 140½, Baltimore, won a 10-round unanimous decision over southpaw James Lyons, 137, Philadelphia, Pa. Terry Moore, referee.

Billy Wyatt, 150½, Richmond, Va., TKO'd Lynn Robinson, 152, Hampton, Va., in round three of a scheduled six. Terry Moore, referee.

D.J. Turner, 137¾, Baltimore, won a six-round unanimous decision over Robert Brooks, 141¾, Chicago. Frank Kelly, referee.

Oliver Brown, 156½, Richmond, Va., kayoed short work of Bob Jackson, 160½, Norfolk, Va., in round one of a scheduled four. Frank Kelly, referee.

In another scheduled four Greg Keys, 140¾, Baltimore, kayyoed Lee Fulton, 134¾, Hampton, Va., in round two. Terry Moore, referee.

Judges—Checcini, Moore, Tom Kelly, and Larry Barrett alternated.
Timekeeper—Israel Bach.
Baltimore's Best Boxing Promotions.
Ring Announcer—Tony Baldoni
Attendance—1,322.
(6-20-85) **JACK OBERMAYER**

MASSACHUSETTS

▶**LAWRENCE—Roll-On-America Skating Rink**—Roberto Colon, 153, Lawrence, knocked out Don Bickford, 156, Skowhegan, Maine, in 2:36 of the second in the scheduled eight-round main event. Colon, inactive since 1983, is now 23-5. Bickford is 17-5.

Four-rounders: Mickey Ward, 139, Lowell, made his pro debut by knocking out Dave Morin, also 139, Gorham, Maine, in 1:20 of the first round. Harold Souther, 153, Newburyport, Mass., debuted with a unanimmous decision over Victor King, 159, Bridgeport, Conn. Frank D'Orio, 136, Somerville, Mass., went to 7-0 (six kayoes) by stopping Frank Santiago, also 136, Bridgeport, in the first round. Southpaw Ricky Stephens, 164, Shreveport, La., won a unanimous decision over Ruben Cardona, 165, Bridgeport. Tony Williams, 129, Bridgeport, won a close decision over fellow debutant Chuck Rabago, 134, Raton, New Mexico.

Referees—Ed Fitzgerald worked the main event, Staphens-Cardona, and Souther-King. Tommy Collins handled Rabago-Williams, D'Orio-Santiago, and Ward-Morin.
Judges—George DeFilippo, Vincent Lee.
Timekeeper—William Marinelli.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Francis Wixted.
Tri-Star Boxing.
Prommoter-Matchmaker—Dom Marino.
Attendance—500 (est.). Gross—$5,000 (est.).
(06-13-85)

▶**BOSTON—Spinoff Roller Disco**—'Mysterious' Billy Smith, 149, Charlestown, Mass., used a two-fisted body attack to win a close but unanimous decision over Rocky Ortiz, 144, New York, eight. Scoring: referee Walter Byars, 78-75; judge John Costello, 78-77; judge Robert mcCoy, 78-76; Smith is now 14-5. Ortiz is 11-4.

John Rafuse, 141, malden, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Caesar Guzman, 143, Paterson, N.J., eight.

Bob Guiducci, 141, Braintree, Mass., stopped Muhammad El Rubail, 144, Passaic, N.J., in the second round of a scheduled four.

Dave Attardo, 137, Boston, knocked out Ricky Crawford, 138, Passaic, in 2:30 of the first round in their scheduled four. Crawford was decked thrice—the last time for the count.

Referees—Walter Byars worked Smith-Ortiz and Attardo-Crawford. Bill Connelly handled Rafuse-Guzman and Guiducci-ElRubail.
Timekeeper—James Froio.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Roger Moore.
East Coast Sports.
Matchmaker—Jim Troy.
Attendance—420. Gross—$4,200.
(06-24-85)

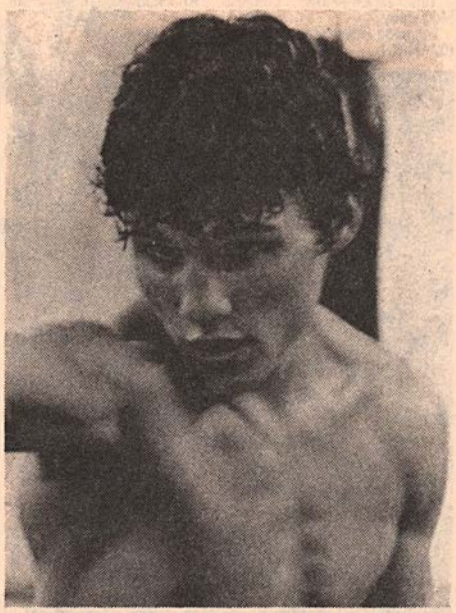
▶**REVERE—Wonderland Ballroom**—Mark Mainero, 160, East Boston, won a unanimous decision over Jose Rosa, 154, Springfield, Mass., in the eight-round main event. Mainero is now 24-6.

Jimmy Harrison, 190, Boston, eked out a splitt verdict over Jack DeBenedetto, 200, Cambridge, Mass., six. Scoring: referee Nick Previte and judge Barbara Roach, both 58-56, Harrison; judge Don O'Neill, 59-58, DeBenedetto.

Kevin Daigle, 152, South Granville, New York, won a unanimous decision over sub John Saunders, also 152, Lynn, Mass., six.

Pablo Pizzaro, 180, New York, won a unanimous decision over Kevin Denson, also 180, Providence, R.I., six. Denson ran out of gas in the last two frames, and Pizzaro decked him twice.

Referees—Dick Flaherty handled Mainero-Rosa and Daigle-Saunders. Nickj Previte worked Harrison-DeBenedetto and Pizzaro-Denson.
Timekeeper—Jerry Albano.
Knockdown Timer—George DeFilippo.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Rene Barrette.
Celebrity Boxing.
Promoter-Matchmaker—John Gagliardi.
Attendance—400 (est.). Gross—$4,000 (est.).
(06-26-85) **JAY N. MILLER**



Andy Minsker boosted his pro record to 6-0 with a TKO over Jesse James Cooper at the Showboat in Las Vegas.

NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—jamey Ollenberger and Gary Williams won't get another paid round trip ticket to Las Vegas until October.

The delay has nothing to do with their fistic abilities. It's merely a waiting situation for their Eastern Regional counterparts to be determined in Top Rank's ESPN boxing tournament in Atlantic City.

The 25-year old Ollenberger from Vancouver, B.C., southpawed his way to the west's junior welterweight TV title while William, 21, of Pomona, Calif., had to ignore eye cuts and rally to capture the regional lightweight crown—both unanimous victories over 10 rounds at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

Ollenberger, 139¾, had no serious problems with the swarming Ali Karriem Muhammad, 140, Chicago, but Williams, 134¼, did not remain undefeated without drawing catcalls from the audience in his controversial score over Victor Acosta, 135, New York.

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Ollenberger, who improved his record to 16-1-1, didn't appear to match the power of Muhammad, who ledger dipped to 12-5, but he maintained control with an assortment of hooks and uppercuts while fighting inside. The taller Canadian also thwarted Muhammad's flailing, bull-like rushes by tying him up and countering to the head and body.

"Muhammad was slicker than I thought he'd be. He was a tough, fast boxer, but he never hurt me," Ollenberger reflected. "I expected those rushes (third, fourth, seventh, and ninth rounds) because I saw him do it in Atlantic City where I beat Grant Walters on June 20."

Ollenberger, who has been a full-time grave digger and a part-time furniture mover, lost a point in the fourth round when referee Davey Pearl ruled he had butted Muhammad during a mid-ring exchange. The Vancouver native stunned Muhammad with a six-punch combo later in the round.

Tony Dowling, Ollenberger's manager, was vocally upset by Pearl's decision.

"That penalty makes me mad and the referee should look at it again. My fighter doesn't fight dirty," Dowling declared. "The other kid (Muhammad) caused him to butt his head by grabbing Jamey. It was a reflex action. I would've been very upset if it had cost Jamey the bout."

On the judges' ballots, only Lou Tabat had it close at 95-94 for Ollenberger. Dalby Shirley marked it 97-83 and Bill Graham had it 97-91 for the winner. *The Ring's* card was 98-93, Ollenberger.

Williams had the superior punching once he found the range, but the 24-year old Acosta, a Puerto Rican from the Bronx, ruined the former's rhythmm with slick head and shoulder feints and an assortment of in-and-out combinations to the head—particularly in the middle rounds, when he appeared to assume command.

Williams, now 11-0, has relied on a booming right hand in the past, but Acosta's repeated holding when the going got heavy may have turned off thhe judges in their voting.

Williams, who needed four butterfly stitches over his left eye and six over the right, had Acosta on the verge of a knockout in the ninth round with that chopping right. The clever Latin almost went down from the first shot, but grabbed Williams around the waist and hung on. It happened three more times during the round and Acosta needed a compass to wobble to his corner.

Over anxious in the tenth, Williams misses several rights before finding one that had Acosta reeling and holding again. Victor was now punching in erratic flurries and he took one more stunning right before the final bell.

The crown bathed the ring with a shower of boos for five unbroken minutes when announcer Chuck Hull read thhe ballots: Dalby Shirley, 97-92; Lou Tabat and Cindy Bartin, both 96-93—all for Williams. *The Ring's* card was 97-93 for Acosta, whose record is now 18-11-1.

Andy Minsker, 130, an Olympic alternate to Meldrick Taylor from Milwaukie, Ore., boosted his record to 6-0 with a TKO over Jesse James Cooper, 129¼, Las Vegas, at 2:01 of the third round in a scheduled sixer. Tony Gibson, referee.

Lonnie Gray, 246, Pommona, Calif., doesn't know the rudiments of the sport, but he has a granite chin and a powerful right which enabled him to win a four-round split decision over Salt Lake City's Pisa Finai, 222. Gray lost a point in the second round for rabbitt punching but sealed the verdict when he dropped Finai on his back late in the final session. Finai's ledger dipped to 8-3.

Greg Steward, 195, Los Angeles made his pro debut with a TKO over Said Youb, 206, Las Vegas, at 2:15 of the sixth and final round. Ayoub's record is now 2-2.

Ernie Landeros, 136¾, Los Angeles, and Zack Padilla, 137, Pomona, Calif., boxed to a four-round draw in the best action fight on the card. Landeros is now 6-0-1. Padilla is 2-0-1.
(07-25-85) **JACK WELSH**

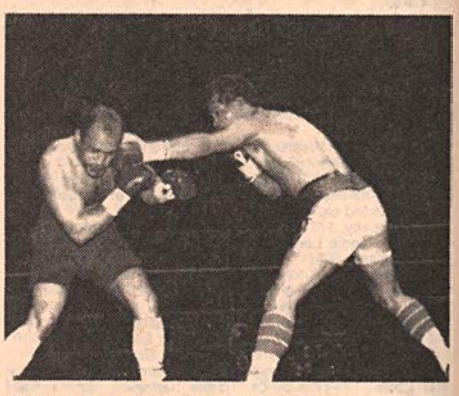


Photo by Dan Feldman

Bobby Czyz (right) tags Mike Fisher with a left on his way to a unanimous 10 round decision.

NEW JERSEY

▶**WEST ORANGE—South Mountain Arena**—Bobby Czyz, 172¼, Wanaque, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Mike Fisher, 178¼, Newark, N.J., 10. Czyz is now 27-1 with 19 kayoes.

Don Cioffi, 138, Denville, N.J., TKO'd Rick Crawford, 137, Passaic, N.J., at 2:07 of the third.

Oscar Noriega, 154, Colombia (now fighting out of Hackensack, N.J.), TKO'd Jerome Hill, 150, Passaic, at 2:27 of the first.

Cornell Sims, 156, Elizabeth, N.J., won a majority decision over Sugar Ray Brewer, 155, Paterson, N.J., four.

Sal Cenicola, 133¼, River Vale, N.J., knocked our Charles Williams, 134½, Charlotte, N.C., in 1:58 of the first round. Cenicola is still undefeated.

Referees—Tony Orlando, Paul Venti.
Judges—Ray Hoagland, Al DeVito, Phil Newman.
Promoters—George Pacio, Mike Palardy, Bernie Taylor.
Attendance—3,300 (estimated).
(05-09-85) **DAN FELDMAN**

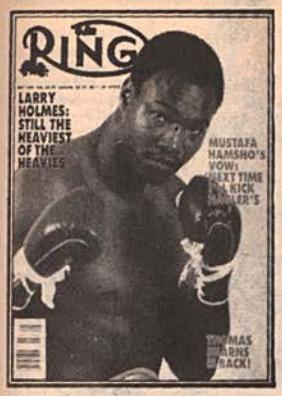
▶**TOTOWA—Ice World**—Olympic gold medalist Mark Breland, 1476, Brooklyn, knocked out Dario DeJesus, 145¾, Miami, with an impressive array of punches in 2:49 of the second round. Breland is now 5-0.

USBA cruiserweight champion Boone Pultz, 192¾, Clifton, N.JH., won a unanimous decision over Marc Fichtner, 195½, Boonton, N.J., eight. Boone is now 12-0 with eight kayoes.

Tracy Harris, 130½, New Paltz, New York, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Ray Doughty, 131, Monticello, New York, four. Harris, Floyd Patterson's adopted son, looked like a compact version of his mentor.

Joose Rivera, 135, Bronx, New York, won a majority decision over Don Cioffi, also 135, Denville, N.J., four.

Rocky Rosas, 139, Passaic, N.J., TKO'd Mel Richardson, also 139, Trenton, N.J., at 2:46 of the fourth round. Rosas is now 5-0 with three kayoes.



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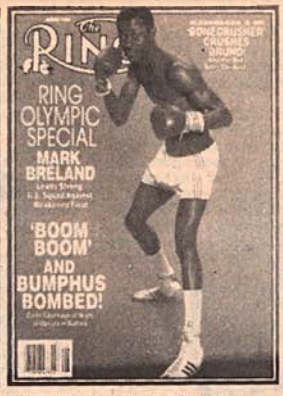

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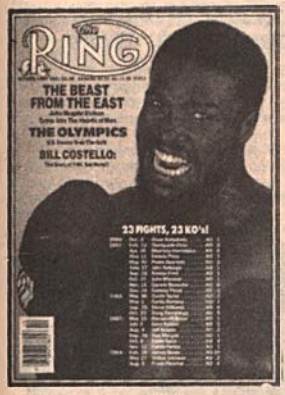

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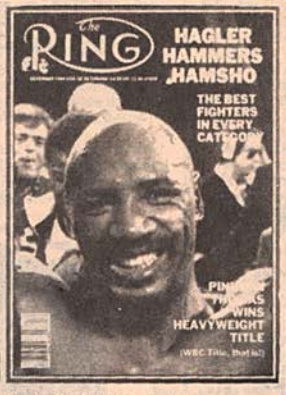

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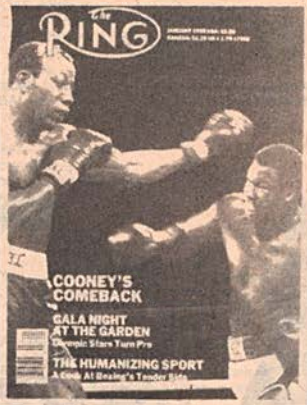

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Rip Rettig, 146, Bayonne, N.J., TKO'd Sean Gorman, 144¼, St. Mary's, Pa., at 1:15 of the first.
Kevin Vieldhouse, 148, Wayne, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Pat Lyonsm, 147¾, St. Mary's, Pa., eight.
Referees—Larry Hazzard, Tony Orlando.
Judges—Charles Spina, Frank Brunette, Ron Burns.
Main Events, Inc./Monitor Productions.
(06-19-85)

S. MICHAEL FELDMAN

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Johnny Carter, 121½, Philadelphia, scored a virtually meaningless "technical decision" over Arnel Arrozal, 124¾, Philippines, in a scheduled 10 that had to be terminated in the fourth. The southpaw visitor, who fought twice for world titles before becoming a traveling loser, looked like he would at least make an interesting fight. But in the fourth, Arrozal turned suddenly away with an injured right eye, and appeared in no mood to continue. Ref Joe Cortez ruled an unintentional butt, the bout was stopped, and the cards collected. Richard F. Murry and Rocky Castellani had it 3-0, Carter, while Eva Shain scored a myusterious 2-1, Arrozal. "He kept butting me all night," Carter explained. "In the fourth round, he did it again, only he cut himself."

The second coming of Mike Picciotti is beginning to look like it's for real. In the co-feature, also scheduled for 10, Picciotti, 150, Ridley Park, Pa., demolished Kevin Rooney, 151, Catskill, N.Y. via TKO at 2:42 of the fourth. Picc was impressive, with a sharp jab thwarting Kevin's charges, followed by crackling rights that staggered Rooney and sliced up his face like another "chain saw massacre." When a dazed Rooney, blinded by his own blood, sought refuuge in a corner, referee Joe O'Neil took a look, then mercifully stopped the bloodletting.

In a scheduled eight, Curtis Summit, 148¾, Joliet, Ill., via Rayetteville, N.C., scored a repeat win over "Shotgun" Jimmy Muse, 145¼, Philadelphia, this time by TKO, at 2:06 of the seventh. In a rugged battle, Curtis was just too strong for the game, but easy-to-reach Muse, who took a relentless hammering, got a standing eight-count in the sixth, and was finally rescued by referee O'Neil.

Charles Williams, 171, Mansfield, Ohio, trying to put a checkered career together under new handlers Marty Feldman and Jimmy Beecham, TKO'd Willard (Pop) Nance, 176½, Trenton, when a left hook rocked him into the ropes at 2:59 of the first of eight. Joe O'Neil, referee.

David Bolletino, 140¼, Cammden, dropped Marvin Young, 136¼, Philadelphia, in the third, winning a unanimous verdict in an action four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Southpaw Anthony DeShields, 138¼, Philadelphia, won a unanimous verdict over Curtis Adams, 134¼, Phila., four. Joe Cortez, referee.
Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Atendance—800 (est.).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(06-03-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int.**—in a bout belying the prevailing notion that two slick boxers must put on a dull fight, Henry Brent, 111½, New York, re-won the vacant USBA flyweight crown with the narrowest of majority verdicts over Pennsylvania State champ Pop Robinson, 112, Philadelphia, 12. Henry is known as "Hot Pepper", but if he has to be known as a vegetable, it might better be "Iceberg Lettuce." Long spells of inactivity (causing him to be stripped of his first USBA title), interspersed with nothing but tough fights, have banked Henry's ardor, and made him a cool "veteran" after only a dozen bouts. Exhibiting as much confidence in the judges as himself, Brent played a waiting game.

The youthful Robinson, seeming a bit awestruck, boxed cautiously, but built a lead, while Henrry searched for the perfect counter. "Pop" began to become undone when he suffered a badly cut left eye in the seventh. Then, in the 10th, Brent struck! A picture right counter down the slot drilled the advancing Robinson into the canvas, and it was a near miracle he got up. But after a foggy 11th, the gritty kid came back in a bristling final round to make it anyone's fight. Phil Newman voted 114-114; Frank Brunette and Lawrence Wallace both had it 114-113, Brent. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Touted John David Jackson, 155¼, Bridgeport, Pa., returned with an easy two-knockdown TKO over nothing much in Billy Joe, 161, Albany, at 2:31 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Anthony (Cobra) Williams, 136, Philadelphia, looked sharp in stopping difficult southpaw spoiler Tony (Electric) Raysor, 131¼, Phila. A solid body attack dropped Raysor in the fifth, and he was unable to come out for the sixth and final round. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Monty Sherrick, 133¼, Philadelphia, had trouble early, but figured out Rafael Terrero, 134¼, a unanimous win in a rugged six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

In a wild brawl, John France, 159½, Philadelphia, got careless and was floored in the last round, having to eke out an unnecessarily close majority verdict over Johnny Miller, 159¾, Wrightstown, N.J., four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Steve Mistretta, 130¾, Palmerton, Pa., repeated with a near carbon copy of his sensational slugfest TKO over Bobby Douglas, Jr., 130, W. Deptford, N.J., when Bobby was out on his feet in a corner at 1:40 of the second in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.
Promoter—Joe Hand.
Matchmakerr—Gary Hegyi.
Attendance—700 (est.)
Judges (undercard)—Eugene Grant, Rocky Castellani, milo Savage.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(06-13-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int.**—Jesse (Thunder) Ferguson, 209¼, Philadelphia, thundered Tony Anthony, 216, Detroit, out of there, all right. But the question remains as to whether "Thunder" can really punch! Jesse won the ESPN heavyweight championship when he hammered Tony into a TKO at 2:55 of the 10th round in a scheduled 12. Though he took a one-sioded beating, the lumbering Anthony kept the lively bout interesting as he kept trying to end it all with one big right. The aggressive Ferguson managed to duck it all night, while landing a spectacuular overhand right of his own that sent Tony crashing to the can vas in the third. Jesse punched himself out looking for the finisher, but kept up a relentless pressure thereafter that had Anthony in trouble time and again—without ever managing another visit to the floor. Finally, a solid body attack exhhausted Tony, and another right bomb had him teetering when ref Joe Cortez ordered a surrender.

Two junior welter tournament bouts proved unpleasing affairs. Thoughh they didn't lack for action, none of the performers exhibited potentially championship mettle. Ali Karim Muhammad, 140¾, Chicago, won an unpopular, narrow, but deserved split verdict over Mark Lassien, 139, Vinton, La., eight. Ali's punching was more effective, while Lassien, though active, largely milled around without purpose. Rocky Castellani and Eugene Grant both scored it 4-3-1 for the winner, while Milo Savage had the loser, 5-3. Joe O'Neil referee.

Lefty Jamey Ollenberger, 140, Vancouver, took a unanimous decision, by a variety of scores, over Grant (The Flame) Walters, 140½, New Orleans, eight. "Flame" produced mostly smoke, as he made a lot of motion, but gave ground to the unpolished but durable Canadian. Grant scored 4-3-1, Milo 5-2-1, and Rocky 8-0. Joe Cortez, referee.

Mike Tyson, 217, Catskill, New York, demolished suicidally outweighed Rick Spain, 184½, Columbus, Ohio, with a two-knockdown K.O. at 0:39 of the first round in a scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Rangy Bradley Hutcherson, 165½, Chicago, kept squat Wesley Reid, 167, Long Beach, at bay for a unanimous win, four. Joe O'Neil, referee.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(06-20-85)

J.R. JOWETT

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—Sammy Fuentes, 139, won a 10-round majority decision over Choo Choo Dixon, 141, Houston, Texas, in the main event. Scores: Frank Cairo, 6-4; Lynn Carter, 7-3; John Stewart, 5-5. Dixon took a stanking eight-count in round three and another in the 10th. The hard punching Dixon (now 14-1, 13 kayoes) couldn't figure out the classy Fuentes through the first five rounds, but he kept it close over the back five. Fuentes is now a reported 10-1 with three knockouts. 'paul Venti, referee.

Kevin Watts, 163¾, Pleasantville, N.J., won by a fifth round TKO when his opponent, Ali Bey, 165¾, Wilmington, Delaware, could not come out for the sixth and final round. Bey was taking a beating all the way. Watts is now 11-1; Bey is 3-5. Paul Venti, reeferee.

Tim Black, 168, Pleasantville, N.J., won a four-round unanimous decision over Robert Rodriquez, 168¾, New York. Robert was down twice in the first round. The ref was Venti. Black is now 2-0.

Oscar Holmman, 213½, Philadelphia, won by unanimous decision in eight over comebacking Randy Mack, 222¼, Philadelphia. The shaven-headed southpaw should have stayed retired. The scores in this generally dull bout were Carter and Cairo, both 5-3; Stewart, 4-3-1. Rudy Battle was the referee.

Leftie Fred Reed Hall, 123½, New York, and Atilano Quinones, 122, New York boxed to a six-round majjority draw in a solid action bout, Quinones was dropped in the first, Hall in round two. Carter and Cairo had it 3-3, while Stewart saw it for 4-2, Hall. Rudy Battle, referee.

Bob Dietlemeir, 219¼, Toms River, N.J. won a four-round split decision over debuting Herbie Cox, 196, Hartford, Conn. This was a no knockdown war. Carter had it 3-1 for Cox; Stewart and Cairo had it 2-2 in rounds but 18-17 in points for the now 2-0 Dietlemier. The referee was Battle.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter—HBAA (East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
(o6-19-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino-Hotel**—In what might best be described as an untidy bout, Mike Tinley, 159, Camden, N.J., won a 10-round unanimous decision over Ray Ray Gray, 158½, Newark, N.J. The referee was Frank Cappuccino. The scores were: Tom Kaczmarek, 7-2-1; Richard R. Murry, 8-2; Frank Cairo, 6-4. *The Ring* card had it 7-2-1, Tinley. There were no knockdowns.

While Gray is the current ESPN cable television middleweight champion, and Tinleyy (a former ESPN middleweight champ) the New Jerseyy State middleweight champion, no title was officially at stake.

The difference in the bout was that Tinley pressed the action nearly all the way. He may have been ragged due to relative inactivity (Tinley had only a meaningless two-round win so far this year, while Gray had gone to the post on three previous occasions) but his dedication to duty paid off. (He had predicted a knockout win for himself and was a disappointed winner.)

Gray, the taller of the two, tried to use his advantage by staying on the outside, but seemed unsure on how to negate the Tinley "forward march" style. Gray was a gracious loser, giving Mike his proper due for making the fight. Tinley suffered a small cut around the left eye in round three, but it was not a factor.

(Amazingly, judge Tommy Kazcmarek gave Gray the last round! This was Tinley's best round, in which he rocked Gray to his heels. The other two judges had Tinley winning that session. Was Kazcmarek mentally locked into giving Gray that round because Ray led early until nearly floored—Gray actually grabbing to stay up?

Willie deWit, 215¾,, Grand Prairie, Canada, scored a TKO win at 2:00 of round three over Earl Lewis, 204, Youngstown, Ohio. Willie was ahead all the way. Lewis suffered a cut left eye and was dropped once in the third round. Scheduled for six, the ref was Rudy Battle.

Mike Tyson, 215, Albany, N.Y., won by second round TKO when John Alderson, 226½, Cabin Creek, W. Va., could not come out for round three. Alderson was dropped twice in the second round by the bull strong but unpolished teenager. Scheduled for six, the ref was Cappuccino.

Rocky Young, 130, Moundsville, W.Va., won a four-round unanimous decision over Randy Reedy, 132, iTerre Haute, Ind. Reedy was just that; he bent but didn't break. The ref was Battle.

Felix Shorter, 202, Elkhart, Ind., won a four-round unanimous decision over debuting Vincent Tiberi, 183, New Castle, Delaware. Tibri was down in round two. Originally announced as a majority draw, a check of the scorecard showed that the two judges who had it 2-2 carded 18-17 in points for Shorter. Thus, he gets those votes, plus he won out-right, 2-0-2, on the card of MMurry.
Top Rank, Inc.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
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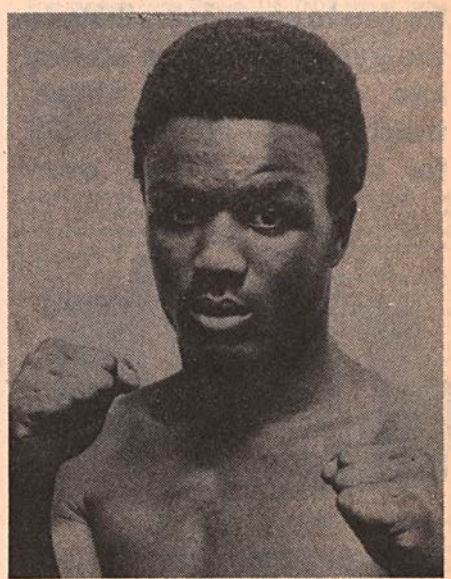

Philadelphia middleweight Curtis Parker scored a first-round knockdown to edge Ricky Stackhouse in a give-and-take 10 rounder at the Sands in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—In a hard fought, fast paced main-event, Curtis Parker, 159½, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Ricky Stackhouse, 157, Atlanta, Ga. This was announced as a majority win for Parker, but the card of judge Frank Brunette actually had Parker winning on points (45-44) with the bout even in rounds, 5-5. Judge Phil Newman had it 5-4-1, and Lawrence Wallace saw it 8-2. *The Ring* card read 7-3 for Parker.

The all-important edge for Parker came just before the bell ending round one. Stackhouse was in control for 2:52 of that round, and then got caught with a solid right hand that dropped him. The bell rang as he was taking the mandatory eight-count from referee Tony Perez. That gave Curtis the round on all three cards. Had he not been floored, Ricky probably would have taken a split decision.

Parker dominated the rest of the early rounds, but a game Stackhouse hung in there and, in round six, Parker suffered a nasty cut on the left eyelid. For the remainder of the bout, the doctor constantly checked it out between rounds, as the blood flowed freely. After seven rounds, Ricky was ahead on two cards; Cuurtis pulled himself together to gain a 7-1-1 edge in total votes over the last three rounds.

As for the card of Brunette, the commissioner in charge at ringside felt that, since Parker won the bout anyway, the points were irrelevant. The contention here is that, if Parker earned the point difference because of the knockdown, then he should be rewarded with such. The commission has been known to render different views and decisions on the same set of circumstances.

Lindell Holmes, 161¾, Detroit, Mich., won by a TKO in the ninthh when opponent Sanderline Williams, 162½, Cleveland, Ohio, retired on his stool just before the beginning of thhe 10th and final round. Williams, always a safety first boxer, did not disappoint here, making it very easy for Holmmes. Williams was constantly chided by cornerman, Rich Giachetti, and, when Williams was floored by a right hand in the ninth, it was the end of any hope for Williams to make a final stand. Rudy Battle, referee.

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In a scheduled six, Pedro (Bambino) Garcia, 132, Catanno, Puerto Rico won by a TKO at 0:43 of round three over Mike (not the old, but the new) Brown, 132¼, Phila. Brown was dropped late in the first by a left hook, and again in the third with an overhand right. The ref was Perez.

In the walk-out bout, Terrence Jacobs, 153½, Philadelphia, spoiled the pro debut of Robert Campono, 158, New York, by winning a four-round majority decision. Campono suffered a cut near the corner of his right eye. Rudy Battle, referee.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian
Promoter—Peltz/Tiger Eye.
(06-29-85)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—Luis Rivera didn't get his "Tiger," but he did bag a nice win nevertheless, Rivera, (now 15-3) 159¼, Camden, N.J. was to have faced Dwight (Tiger) Walker, but Dwight failed an eye exam a few days before the bout. In came Inocencio Carmona, 160½, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Back in March, Carmona, then billed as Ignacio, out of Panama, gave Troy Darrell some problems before being taken out in round eight. On this night, he was never in the fight. Rivera, ever so cool and precise for just a 20 year-old, backed Carmona up from the start. It was over at 2:08 of round three in a scheduled 10 Rivera put Carmona on the ropes and landed a solid right that put him in Luis' corner. Another right had Carmona sliding down the turn buckle and he never reallyy had a chance of beating the 10-count of referee Joe O'Neil.

Tony Pruitt, 119, Philadelphia, won a six-round unanimous decision over Anibal Ortiz, 121, New York, in a good action bout. The referee was Randy Neumann. Scores: Ted Larve, 4-1-1, Milo Savage and Ray Hoagland, both 3-2-1. Pruitt is now 6-0, three by kayoo.

Bob Wasielowski, 164, Bayonne, N.J., made a successful pro debut by stopping Jack Caroselli, 166¼, Royersford, Pa., at 2:47 of round one in a scheduled four. Jack hurt Bob early but was cut and dropped once afterward. Ref Neumann decided to save Caroselli from further dammage. After all these are just inexperienced prelimers, not world class boxers able to deal with the unexpected. "Kids" have to be watched over; "adults" can be given some leeway. Good job, Randy. Caroselli is now 1-1.

Barrington Francis, 128¾, Plainfield, N.J. won a four-round unanimous decision over Paul Campbell, 132, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Francis pretty much had it his own way, but Campbell was game. Francis is now 3-0, one by KO. The bloodied Campbell is a reported 1-1-1. Joel O'Neil, referee.

Ron Washington, 138¾, Philadelphia, and John Bizzarro, 140½, Erie, Pa. had their scheduled four-round bout end in a technical draw at 2:35 of round three. Bizzarro suffered a cut above his right eye from an unintentional butt and the bout had to be stopped by ref O'Neil. It was announced as a No Contest, but should be, as stated here, a technical draw. A "no contest" may imply no effort, which was not so in this case. A bout must go beyond three rounds before the commission can go to the scorecards, thus a technical draw.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter—Elbaum & Menas.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(07-16-85)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—Bobby Joe Young, 151¼, Steubenville, Ohio, won a well fought 10-round unanimous decision over Gary Roemhild, 153, Philadelphia. No one went down, but it proved to be a very pleasing give and take encounter.

Young's experience took over as the bout progressed. In the beginning, things were even up, but Gary tired trying to go a hard 10 against a veteran. Neither gave up, however, and the crowd showed there appreciation at the finish with resounding applause.

The referee was Frank Cappuccino. Scoring was as follows: Lynn Carter, 6-4; Gene Grand and Frank Cairo, both 7-3. *The Ring* saw it 6-3-1. Young is now 25-5 with 21 kayoes. Gary fell to 8-5-1 with eight knockouts.

Carlos Hernandez, 200½, Union City, N.J., won by TKO at 2:25 of round three in a scheduled eight with Terry Armstrong, 212, Cincinnati. Hernandex was ahead, but suffered a bad cut around the right eye early in that round. It could have been stopped, but Hernandex landed a left hook that spun Armstrong around. Referee Joe Cortez gave him a standing eight count, and the bout was stopped when Terry said he couldn't go on. Early appraisal indicated that his jaw was broken by that left hood. Hernandez is now 15-1 with 10 kayoes.

Dino Newville, 153, Grand Rapids, Mich., won by TKO at 0:46 of round four over Mark Marciano, 154½, Spotswood, N.J. Mark had a severe cut over his left eye, which forced the stoppage. Dino was in command. Scheduled for six; the ref was Cappuccino. Mark is now 3-3-1.

Randy Richardson, 133½, Youngstown, Ohio, won a six-round unanimous decision over Rodney Fennell, 132½, Washington, D.C. Joe Cortez, referee.

John Freda ran out of rounds as he came back strong to get a four-round draw (all cards 2-2) with Doug McCollum, 184, Brooklyn. Freda, 185, out of Jersey City, N.J. is now 6-1-2 with four kayoes. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Jerry Jones, 204, D.C., won a four-round unanimous decision over Richie Segar, 253, Williamstown, N.J. Fat Richie, a southpaw is now a reported 1-4. Joe Cortez, referee.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoters—Elbaum & Menas.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(07-23-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—James (Buddy) McGirt, 144, Brentwood, New York, stretched his record to 20-0-1 with 18 kayoes by scoring a TKO over southpaw Ralph Twining, also 144, Muskegon, Mich., at 1:02 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Twining is now 28-9 with 24 knockouts. John LopBianco, referee.

Iran (The Blade) Barkley, 161½, Harlem, New York, kayoed Carlos Betancourt, 161, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico,, in 1:48 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Johnny Colan, referee.

Veteran Larry Alexander, 229, New York/Jersey City, won a unanimous decision over fellow behemoth Larry Frazier, 239, Las Vegas, 10. Scoring: George DeGabriel, 6-4; Simon Ramos, 9-1; Al Reid, 8-2. Charley Norkus, referee.

Floyd (The Mangler) Peavy, 146, Richmond Hill, New York, knocked out Willie Machado, 147½, Hartford, Conn., in 1:56 of the eighth and final round. A right uppercut-left hook combo sent Machado crashing down against the ropes, the bottom stand snapping hard into his neck. His third cervical vertebrae was fractured, and the 22-year-old native of Ponce, Puerto Rico lapsed into a coma for three days after being rushed to New York Hospital. His boxing career is over, but Machado's chances of making a complete physical recovery are 'excellent,' according to Dr. Edwin Campbell of the New York State Athletic Commission. Johnny Colan, referee.

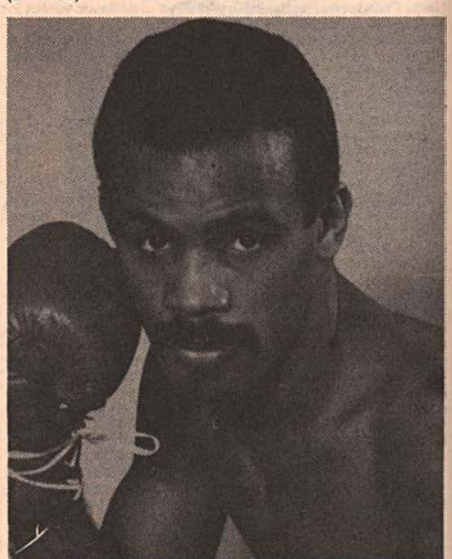
Wesley Reid, 165, Long Beach, New York, won a split decision over Anthony (The Baby Tank) Gordon, 164, Jamaica, Queens, New York, six. Scoring: DeGabriel and Reid, both 4-2, Reid; Ramos, 4-2, Gordon. Charley Norkus, referee.

Tim Moley, 130, Seldon, New York, and Frank Mincielli, also 130, Brooklyn, New York, drew, four. Scoring: DeGabriel, 3-1 (3-2 in points), Moley; Ramos, 2-2; Reid, 2-2 but 3-2 in points, Mincieli. John LoBianco, referee. (This was the walk-out contest, cut from six to four.)

Former amateur star Dennis Milton, 156, Bronx, New York, made his pro debut with a TKO over southpaw Gregory Jones, 154½, Newark, N.J., at 2:56 of the fourth and final round. Charley Norkus, referee.

Carlos Cartagena, 130, New York, won a shutout unanimous decision over Louis Matos, 128, New York, four. Walter Cavero, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
(07-11-85)



Former IBF junior middleweight champion, Mark Medal, returned to the ring with a hard-fought points win over Dexter Smith.

▶NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Former IBF junior middleweight champion Mark Medal, 153½, won a surprisingly hard fought unanimous decision over Dexter Smith, 150½, Miami, Fla., 10. Scoring: George S. Colan, 6-4; Eva Shain and Danny Whelan, both 8-2. Vincent Rainone, referee. Medal is now 24-2 with 20 kayoes. Smith is 26-17-3 with 14 knockouts.

Robert (Pee Wee) Rucker, 146, Harlem, New York, won a unanimous decision over Milton (Mad Dog) Guest, 147, Mt. Vernon, Newe York, 10. Scoring: Colan, 9-1; Shain, 8-2 (9-2 in points); Whelan, 7-3 (9-3(. A right hand floored Guest in round five. Joe Santarpia, referee. Rucker, who had been inactive since May 20, 1984, is now 30-1 with 15 kayoes. Guest, inactive since Milton McCrory stopped him in a WBC title bout on January 14, 1984, is 17-3 with 15 knockouts.

New York State junior welterweight champion Angel Cruz, 139½, won a majority decision over Miguel (Frito) Garcia, also 139½, San Juan, P.R., eight. Scoring: Colon, 4-4; Shain, 6-2; Whelan, 7-1. Al LoBianco, referee.

Tonyy (Dr. Detroit) Montgomery, 153, Philadelphia, TKO'd Carl Wilson, 155, Flushing, Queens, New York, at 0:49 of round two in a scheduled six. VincentRainone, referee. Montgomery is now 11-0.

Antonio Reyes Cruz, 139½, Santo Domingo, D.R., won a majority decision over David Taylor, 140½, Atlanta, Georgia, six rounds, cut from eight. Scoring: Colon and Shain, both 4-2; Whalan, 3-3. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Jose Luis Alejandro, 140, Union City, N.J., won a unanimous (all 3-1) verdict over Jorge Maysonet, 139½, Catano, Puerto Rico, four rounds, cut from six. Al LoBiuianco, referee.

Thomas (The Hammer) Otero, 124, New York, TKO'd Fuzzy Williams, 126, New York, at 2:05 of the third round in a scheduled four. Joe Santarpia, referee.

A scheduled four between Jerry Parker, 173, Bronx, and Jules Pierre, 176½, Bronx, was cancelled.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.

(07-25-85)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Youngster Andre Sharpe Richardson met a tough test in veteran Sammy Young. It still isn't clear whether Andre passed, or not. Richardson, 141, Philadelphia, gained a unanimous win over Young, 140, Troy, N.Y., eight. But after his expected blazing start, Andre got careless and was badly rocked by a left hood counter late in the third. Richardson was still shaken coming out for the fourth, but trialhorse Young has lost the winning attitude, and didn't press his advantage. Nevertheless, Andre showed Sammy a lot of respect, and boxed cautiously thereafter—though the two were guilty of trying to initiate a ninth round. Tommy Reid, referee.

Another young hopeful had a rough night, as Anthony Boyle, 126, Kensington, struggled to a hairline unanimous decision over Rodney Fennell, 127½, Washington, D.C., in a bristling six. Boyle had trouble figuring the tricky Fennell early, then took command and scored a knockdown in the fifth—only to be badly rattled in the final round. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

A rematch of a sensational battle turned out even better, as John (Buckwhheat) Farina, 118, Ardmore, Pa., proved too strong for game Keith Jenkins, 118, Philadelphia, in a unanimous win, six. Charles Sgrillo, referee.

Slippery Eddie Fisher, 117, Philadelphia, outboxed Rickyy Diaz, 114, Kensington, via a unanimous verdict, in a good four. Tommy Reid, referee.

Andre Haddock, 156, Philadelphia, looked sharp, as survivor Juan Alicia, 155, Trenton, failed to do so, being dropped for a TKO at 2:33 of the second in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Rodney Carter, 150, Philadelphia, wrecked Stewart Coleman, 146½, Philadelphia, knocking him down in the first and stopping him at 2:09 of the second in their scheduled four. Charles Sgrillo, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—600. Gross—$6,000 (est.).
Judges—Al Morris, Harold Lederman, Carol Polis.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Frank Talent.
(06-11-85)

▶**CHADDS FORD—Brandywine Club**—The current four-card deal at this highly successful club concluded with their best show yet. In the main event, scheduled for six, someone finally lasted past the first with Henry Milligan. In fact, rock-jawed Mike Harris, 182½, Philadelphia, dropped Henry, 184, Wilmington, with a sneak right counter in the first round after being rocked himself. Milligan went on to club Harris down three times for a TKO at 2:59 of the third round in a thriller. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Al Ferro, 153, Upper Darby, smartly stepped inside the bombs of Billy Rich, 154, Camden, and roasted the ribs to win a unanimmous decision in an exciting six. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

In a battle of tough luck losers, Doug Pettiford, 125½, Wilmington, dropped rugged Jose Espada, 126½, Reading, with a picture left hook counter in the second, then went on to a unanimous win in a good six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Steve Sheeran, 162, Upper Darby, scored a repeat win over Kelvin Hanton, 158½, Philadelphia. This time, Kelvin stood up and made a fight of it, losing a unanimous vertict, four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Jack Caroselli, 167½, Royersford, proved too strong for Paul Skinner, 169½, Philadelphia, with a unanimous verdict in a great four. John Carroll, ref.

Edouardo Torres, 147½, Egg Harbor, N.J., blasted the ribs of Chris Bajor, 147, Kensington, with two knockdowns in the first, and another for a K.O. at 1:25 of the second in a scheduled four. Ozie Sadler, referee.

A scheduled four between Tony Rowan, 175, Phoenixville, and southpaw Edward (Bennett) Williams, 169½, Camden, ended in a technical draw at 0:30 of the third when Rowan, taking a beating, was dropped while slipping in ice spilled by Williams' corner. Rowan twisted an ankle and couldn't continue. John Carroll, referee.

Promoters—Raymond & Charlie Messina.
Matchmakers—Pat Duffy.
Attendance—SRO, 800. Gross—$10,000 (est.).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Rudy Battle, Harold Lederman
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Ray Messina.
(06-12-85)

▶**HARRISBURG—Zembo Mosque**—After several tyros tried reviving pro boxing in the promising Central Pennsylvania region, with efforts that ranged from terrible to good, a real pro brought his act to town, and it showed. J. Russell Peltz set up shop at this masonic temple, long a favored site for amateur tournaments, with a battle for the vacant state junior welter crown between localite Darryl Martin, 138½, and Davey Odem, 138½, Sharon. Though the tournout was "borderline," fans saw a fine card of explosive action in which local fighters, long used as cannon fodder on the road, got a chance to show off in friendly environs.

In the main go, shifty Odem was outboxing bomber Martin into the third of a scheduled 12. But Darryl possesses one of the most dangerous sneak rights in the division, and when Odem tried a "shoeshine," Martin gave him the boot. Davey's mouthpiece was last tracked orbiting over Siberia, while its owner went the opposite way··· down on his face. Though he made a yeoman effort to arise, Davey couldn't beat referee Frank Cappuccino's "10" count at 2:35, while excited fans poured in to hoist the new champion.

Dom Parris, 157½, Philadelphia, had his hands full with "Pinky Sixguns" Gordon, 159½, Wilmington, in an action-packed scheduled eight. Dom was fighting for his life until he put over a left hook, then a right, to drop and TKO a tiring Gordon at 1:00 of the sixth. Tony Wolfe refereed.

In a brief, exciting slugfest, Mike Vega, 142, Allentown, battled Nick Rapino, 143, W. Reading, to a standstill, stopping him on his feet at 1:10 of the firstr round in a scheduled six. Frank Capuccino, referee.

Al Barnett, 118, Erie, took the best from Willie Davis, 112½, Harrisburg, then wore him out, dropped him in the second and stopped him at 0:22 of the third round in a scheduled four. Tony Wolfe, referee.

Ira Layton, 126½, Harrisburg, staggered, then flung a desperately-clutching Larry Hawkins, 129, Camden, to the canvas for a K.O. at 1:50 of the first round in their scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Howard Stewart, 146, Philadelphia, beat the stuffing out of Alvin (Sonny) Cushion, 146¼, Camden, for a unanimous decision, four. Tony Wolfe, referee.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—800. Gross—$10,00 (est.)
Judges—Rudy and Paul Battle, Lynne Carter.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Dave Zinkoff.
(06-18-85)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown, Memphis, and Anthony Campbell, Little Rock, drew, 10, junior middles. Brown is now 8-2-1.

J.D. Dobbins, Little Rock, won a split decision over Mark Allman, Memphis, six, middleweights.

Ray Haynes, Little Rock, stopped Jesse Jones, Ripley, Tenn., at 2:15 oof the sixth round.

Daid Bell, sikeston, Missouri, won a unanimous decision over Paul Owens, Little Rock, four, lightweights.

Jim (The Bull) Berry, Little Rock, stopped Michael Smith, Memphis, in 1:10 of round two in a scheduled four-round heavyweight contest.

James Haywood, Memphis, made his pro debut by stopping Earl Thomas, Memphis, late in the fourth round.

Officials—Pernell Dwyer, Gilbert Beam, Haywood Watts, Joe Hadley.
Timekeepers—Ron Cardoni, Lowell Bobick.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Atendance—500 (estimated).
(05-07-85)

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown won a split decision over J.D. Dobbins, 10. Brown is now 9-2-1. Dobbins is 17-8.

Mark Allman halted Walter Ivory, Memphis, in the fourth round of a slated six-round junior middleweight contest. Allman is now 12-5.

Jim (The Bull) Berry won a unanimous decision over Donnie Franklin, Memphis, six. Berry is now 3-0. Franklin is 8-4-1.

Robert Dixon, Memphis, halted Johnny Sinclair, Leland, Miss., in the second round of a scheduled four-round featherweight bout.

Randy Phillips, Leland, TKO'd Paul Owens, Little Rock, in the first round of a slated four-round lightweighht contest.

Sandy Williams, Little Rock, TKO'd James Haywood, Memphis, in the first round.

Referees—Jim Kidd, Sam Garland.
Judges—Gilbert Beam, Joey Hadley, Sam Garland, Jim Kidd.
Timekeeper—Ron Cardoni.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—500 (estimated).
(06-04-85)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**HOUSTON—Hyatt Regency Hotel**—Raphe Simms, 132½ Galena Park, Texas, TKO'd Jorge Valladares, 133, Mexico, at 2:46 of the second in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Chuck Walker, 166, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Cecil Pettigrew, 167½, Tulsa, Ok., eight.

Reggie Johnson, 156½, Houston, TKO'd Eric Williams, 157½, New Orleans, at 1:17 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Barry Houseman, 132, Pasadena, Texas, and Troy Townsend, 132¼, New Orleans, drew, six.

Four-rounders: David Gonzales, 126, TKO'd Isidro Trujano, 126¼, unable to answer bell for round three. Joe Garcia, 147, won a unanimous decision over Donald Cassion, 147½.

Referee—Chris Jordan, R. Gonzales.
Judges—T. Daniels, T. Sechelski, D. McCullough.
Timekeepers—T. Ferris, B. yeager.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Bransford.
HBA. Gross—$18,550.
(06-12-85)

▶**SAN ANTONIO—Randy's Niteclub**—Aaron Lopez, 121½, San Antonio, won a unanimous decision over Armando Ugalde, 119½, Los Angeles, Calif., 10.

Raymond Medel. 113, won a unanimous decision over Mexican Juan Manuel Diaz, 111, eight.

Al Rangel, 119½, TKO'd Alberto Martinez, 122½, Mexico, at 3:07 of the second in their scheduled eight-rounder.

Eddie Rangel, 119, won a unanimous decision over Rogelio Leanos, 122¼, six.

Larry Phelps, 181¼, won a majority decision over Hector Garcia, 184¼, six.

Jorge Fuentes, 118¼, won a majority decision over Joe Perez, 119¼, four.

Referees—R. Ovalle, L. Zuniga.
Judges—N. Stein, S. Jaramillo.
Timekeepers—B. Gavin, N. Como.
Ringside Physician—Dr. M. Spector.
Promoter—Chuck Perez. Gross—$16,500.
(06-27-85)

▶**EL PASO**—Sam Huston, 153½, Albuquerque, N.M., TKO'd Tony Mora, 146½, Mexico, not out for the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

Harold Romero, 130, New Mexico, won a majority decision over Jimmy Flores, 131, new Mexico, six.

Ronnie Villa, 139½, New Mexico, won a majority decision over Bryan Davenport, 138½, Texas, six.

Four-rounders: Fernie Morales, 118, TKO'd Manuel Torres, also 118, Mexico, at 2:54 of the first round. David Acosta, 173, won a unanimous decision over Joel Craig, also 173. Rafael Hhernandez, 142, kayoed Ricky Goree, 141, in 1:03 of the second.

Referees—Dick Cole, P. Melendez.
Judges—J. Borzi, F. Soforo, J. Wilkinson
Timekeepers—R. Serrano, J. Serrano.
Ringside Physician—Dr. R. Rivera.
Promoter—hilary Sandoval. Gross—$3,363.50.
(06-28-85)

▶**FORT WORTH—Super Pro Gym**—Jay Strickland, 170¾, Fort Worth, TKO'd Richard (Dragon) Green, 165, Tulsa, Ok., at 1:46 of round two in the scheduled eight-round main event. Strickland is hot on the trail of a shot at the IBF super middleweight (168-pound) title.

Dwayne Prim, 141¼, Fort Worth, TKO'd Roosevelt Rico, 139, Houston, att 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Gilbert Vera, 200, TKO'd Willie Stogin, also 220, at 1:38 of the first round. Gerardo Velasquuez, 118¾, won a unanimous decision over Freddie Burroughs, 121½. Lupe Miranda, 131, TKO'd Carlos Guentes, 132¼, at 2:41 of the first round. Pablo Valdez, 145½, won a majority decision over Keheven Johnson, 150.

Referees—Dick Cole, Spider Bynum.
Judges—Steve Crosson, Ronnie Walters, Jack Woodruff.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ring Announcer—Shelly Mann.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. James Marr, Dr. William Gardner.
Ten-Count Productions. Gross—$2,212.
(07-02-85)

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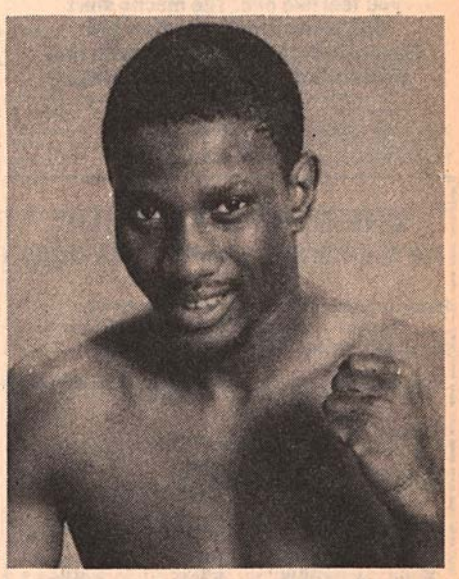
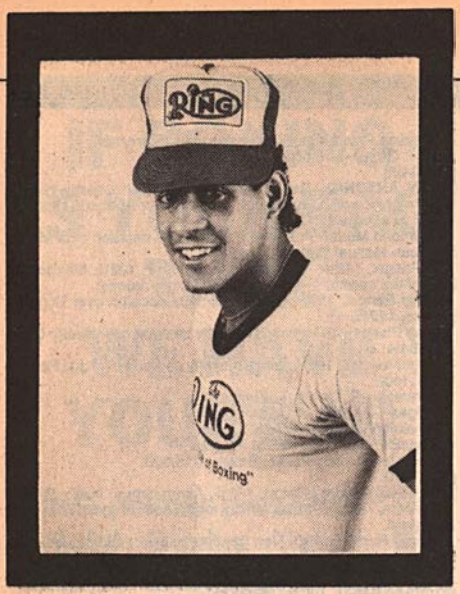


Pernell Whitaker crush John Senegal in the opening round to raise his pro record to 5-0.

VIRGINIA

▶**NORFOLK—The Scope**—Four Olympians—Mark Breland, Evander Holyfield, Meldrick Taylor, and hometown hero Pernell Whitaker, entertained and impressed a sizeable live and national television (ABC) audience by disposing of four tough opponents



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with relative ease.

Holyfield, 180, won a unanimous decision over Hartford's Tyrone Booze, also 180, eight. Holyfield, now 5-0 with two kayoes, had his man hurt in the second with a right hand counter off the ropes and stunned him a number of times during the final three heats. Ernie Green, referee.

Breland, 149½, redeemed himself as a K.O. specialist by dropping Don Shiver, 151, Tampa, Florida, with a bristling right hand in the first round of their scheduled eight. Shiver got up, but another right knocked him halfway through the ropes. He made it to his feet again, but a series of Breland rights left him clinging to Mark for support. The 6'2" Breland stepped away, and Shiver fell for the third time. Referee Chris Walluson declared Mark a TKO winner at 2:18 of the opening session.

"I went out to box," said Breland, now 6-0 with three consecutive knockouts. "I was ready to go all eight rounds. When I hit him (for the first knockdown), it was such a clean, fast shot that even I was impressed."

Norfolk's Pernell (Sweet Pea) Whitaker, 135, used a remarkably seasoned looking body attack to set up well regarded John Senegal, also 135, Houson, for the kill. A good right stunned Senegal midway through the first round, and a left to the forehead with 10 seconds left in the frame sent him to the canvas. Two more knockdowns in the second inning led referee Al Rothenberger to step in at 1:29. Whitaker, now 5-0 with four kayoes, can already be considered a contender.

Meldrick Taylor, 135¾, Philadelphia, won a onesided unanimous decision over durable Roberto Medina (aka John E. Garcia), St. Petersburg, Fla., six. Taylor, who averaged a mind boggling 112 punches per round, is now 6-0 with four knockouts. Medina, who took a standing eight-count in the fifth round, is 12-2-1.

Floyd Favors, 128¾, Capitol Heights, Md., won a unanimous decision over Larry Highsmithh, 127, Trenton, N.J., six. Flavors is now 3-0. Highsmith is 4-4.

Mike Peoples, 148, Monticello, New York, upset local favorite Curtis Bush, 147¾,, Virginia Beach, six. Peoples is now 4-3-1. Bush is 4-1.

Main Events.
Ring Announcer—Roger Cawthon.
Attendance—6,000 (estimated).
(07-20-85)

STEVEN M. WALDMAN

WISCONSIN

▶CUDAHY—Victory Hall—Kris Golanski, 161, Milwaukee, won a unanimous decision over Toby Tyler, 163½, St. Paul, Minn., in the six-round main event. Golanski is now 5-0 with three kayoes. Tyler is 6-4-2.

Pete Podgorski, 149, Chicago, kayoed Kid Corcoran, 160, in the fifth round.

Bob Wallace, 168½, Chicago, TKO'd Gary (Granite) Cripe, 176, Dubuque, Iowa, in the second. Wallace is now 4-1-1 with four kayoes. Cripe is 0-4—all knockouts.

Stanley Podgorski, 129½, Chicago, TKO'd debuting Nick G. Mavrou, 133, Chicago, in the second. Podgorski is now 2-0-1.

J.D. Greenfield, 185, Rockford, Ill., won a split decision over debuting Tom Reed, 201, Detroit, four.

Johnny Nocita, 146½, Chicago, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Don Graf, 143, Milwaukee, four. Graf is now 3-5-1.

World Rank Promotions.
Attendance—200 (estimated).
(07-12-85)

J.P. SCHIRICO

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

▶VANCOUVER—Agrodome—Canadian middleweight champion Michael Olajide, Jr., 160½, TKO'd Reyes Escalera, also 160½, Puerto Rico, in the fifth round to move his log to 13-0. Escalera was knocked down four times.

Canadian featherweight champion Tony Pep won a unanimous decision over Nevada's Carlton Sparrow in a 12-round bout billed for the Continental Americas junior lightweight title. (The real Continental Americas 130-pound champion is Rosendo Alonso, who won the crown by halting Louie Burke on May 5 of this year.) The 6'1" Pep won by scores of 119-108 (twice) and 120-107 to push his pro record to 10-0. Carlton is 24-4.

Johnny Herbert, Vancouver, halted local favorite Laurie Mann, Prince George, in the eighth and final session, welters. Mann was coming off a long lay-off due to a hand injury, and was not at his best.

Dale Walters, Burnaby, won a unanimous (59-54, 60-55, 60-53) decision over featherweight Willie Davis, six.

Hadji Gill, Vancouver, outpointed George Ballentine, Victoria, four, lightweights.

Promoter—Bill Belanger.
(07-20-85)

ONTARIO

▶TORONTO—Canadian lightweight champion Remo DiCarlo, 137, Toronto, TKO'd 34-year-old veteran Alberto Collazo, also 137, Pittsburgh, at 2:29 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Collazo had been out of action for almost two years. Fern Chretien, referee.

Eddie Melo, 177½, Toronto, decked one Billy Chapin, 175½, Columbus, three times for an automatic stoppage at 1:28 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Three punches, three knockdowns. Forget it.

Pat DeLeslie, 131½, Toronto and Chico Hernandez drew, four. Hernandez took an eight-count in the second.

Paul Campbell, 141½, Toronto, won a close but unanimous decision over Terry Albert, London, four. Albert was down in round two.

Bobby Hacket, 135, Toronto, kayoed John Wright, 134, Detroit, in 1:03 of the first round in the opener.

Referees—Fern Chretien, Lionel Sullivan.
Judges—F. Bullard, C. Williams, L. Browning.
Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillilo.
Ring Physicians—Dr. B. Stewart, Dr. A. Murray.
Ring Announcer—Tony Unitas.
Micron Promotions.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
(07-24-85)

NOTES—Don LaLonde was stripped of his Canadian light heavyweight title by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation on July 20. LaLonde had pulled out of a required title defense against Willie Featherstone after four postponements.

FRANK ALLNUT

CENTRAL AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶BARILOCHE—Gimnasio Pedro Extremador—Ramon Gaspar Abeldano won the vacant Argentine welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Julio Fernandez, 12. Scores were 118-116, 116-115, and 119-116.
(05-17-85)

▶VILLA MARIA—Salon Muncipal de Deportes—Argentine junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas won a unanimous (all cards 100-97) decision over former Argentine and South American flyweight title holder Ruben Condori, 10.
(05-17-85)

▶SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY—Ramon Soria and Armando Romero drew, 10, featherweights.
(05-17-85)

▶DAIREAUX—South American light heavyweight champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon halted Juan Jose Leyva in round seven.
(05-17-85)

▶SANTA FE—Estadio Tribu Mocoreta—Juan Carlos Fernandez won a split decision over Argentine light heavyweight champion Victor Robledo, 10.
(05-17-85)

▶SAN JUAN—Carlos Victor Velasquez and Ricardo Carballo drew, 10. The scores were 97-97, 96-96, and 97-96, Carballo.
(05-17-85)

▶MENDOZA—Latin American welterwegith champion Hugo (Patoruzu) Luero outpointed Panamanian Jorge Pino, 10.
(05-17-85)

▶SALTA—Club Salta—Ruben Verdun outpointed local junior welter Antonio Hugo Vicente, 10.
(05-17-85)

▶BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—Lorenzo Garcia and Adolfo Arce Rossi fought to a unanimous draw, 10 rounds, junior welters.

Mario Melo TKO'd Nestor Giovannini in five, light heavies.
Jorge Blanco outscored Juan Carlos Ali, six, lightweights.
Ruben Silva outpointed Gregorio Flores, six, lightweights.
(05-18-85)

▶SAN NICOLAS—Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez and Luis F. Rodriguez drew, 10, featherweights.
(05-24-85)

▶ROSARIO—Local welterweight Sergio Combis outscored Bautista Romero, 10.
(05-24-85)

▶AVELLANEDA—Club Union de Avellaneda—Jesus Romero retained his Argentine lightweight title with a unanimous technical decision over Luis Abel Musa, 10. An accidental clash of heads in the 10th session injured Musa. As a result, the last two rounds were cancelled.

Benito Lopez outpointed Rodolfo Arce, eight, junior feathers.
(05-25-85)

▶ROJAS—Club Sportivo Rojas—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez won a unanimous decision over Raul Gomez, 10.
(05-25-85)

▶PARANA—Club Echague—Argentine cruiserweight champion Hector Rohr won the South American title by halting Hector Ruben Zamaro in round seven. Rohr was on the canvas in the second. Zamaro was down in rounds three and seven.
(06-07-85)

▶**SANTA ROSA**—Hugo Marinangelis stopped Argentine and Latin American junior middleweight champion Patricio Diaz in the second. Marinangelis is one of the best prospects in Argentina.
(06-07-85)
▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Hipolito Nunez outpointed Daniel Murua, 10, junior lightweights.
(06-07-85)
▶**NUEVE DE JULIO**—Roberto (Rocky) Defooz won a unanimous decision over Alberto Cejas, 10, lightweights.
(06-07-85)
▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA—Gimnasio Municipal**—Cesar Villarruel and Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez drew, 10, junior featherweights.
(06-07-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Argentine bantamweight champion Lucio Lopez stopped Argentine junior bantamweight king Gustavo Ballas in round five. Ballas, the former WBA junior bantamweight title holder, announced his retirement from boxing in his dressing room after the contest. His overall pro record was 77-4-2. Lopez, 23, is now 15-0 with 12 kayoes.
(06-08-85)
▶**RIO CUARTO—Club Central Argentino**—Pedro Armando Gutierrez retained his Argentine junior lightweight crown by halting former champion Raul Bianco in the sixth round of a scheduled 12.
(06-14-85)
▶**RESISTENCIA**—Argentine welterweight champion Ramon Abeldano stopped Carlos Almada in round four.
(06-14-84)
▶**SANTA FE**—Jacinto Fernandez outpointed Juan Carlos Fernandez, 10, light heavyweights.
(06-14-85)
▶**LA BANDA—Club Olimpico**—Argentine and South American featherweight champion Fernando Sosa outpointed Esteban Bustos, 10.
(06-14-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Club All Boys**—Marcelo DiCrocce halted Daniel Gonzalez in the second, welters.
(06-15-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Club All Boys**—Antonio Guzman outopinted Benjamin del Valle Sendin, 10, junior feathers.
(06-22-85)
▶**CERES—Club Centro Olimpico**—Argentine and South American junior flyweight champion Mario DeMarco retained his national crown with a majority decision over former title holder Hector Patri, 12. The scores were 120-119, 119-117, and 117-117.
(06-28-85)
▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Fidel Leopoldo Rivera stopped Carlos Ibarra, junior lightweights.
(06-28-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Club All Boys**—Mario Fernandez outpointed Carlos Pereyra, 10, lightweights.
Carlos (Turco) Ali outclassed Ricardo Providenza, six, lightweights.
(06-29-85)
▶**SANTA ROSA**—Hugo Marinangelis knocked out Osvaldo Diaz in the second round, junior middles.
(07-05-85)
▶**SAN MIGUEL—Club Juventud Unida**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon Dominguez won a unanimous decision over Hipolito Cancota, 10.
(07-05-85)
▶**MENDOZA—Federacion Mendocina de Boxeo**—Jose Mario Lopez won a unanimous decision over veteran Hipolito Nunez, 10, featherweights. The scores were 100-96, 99-96, and 99-98.
(07-05-85)
▶**SANTA FE**—Ruben Condori halted Jose Cufre in the 10th round, junior bantams. Cufre quit when the referee took a point away from him in the last frame.
(07-05-85)
▶**RESISTENCIA—Club Hindu**—Jose Cubillas and veteran Faustino Barrios drew, 10, junior lightweights.
(07-05-85)
▶**DOLORES—Club Defensa**—South American flyweight champion Adrian Roman regained the Argentine title by halting Alberto Pacheco in nine.
Jorge (Violin) Salgado regained the Argentine light heavy crown by stopping Victor Robledo in round six.
(07-06-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Club All Boys**—Carlos Laciar and Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez drew, 10, junior featherweights. Scores were 99-98, Chavez; 98-96, Laciar; 96-96.
(07-06-85)

BRAZIL

▶**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Claudio Pereyra halted Valdovino Silva in six, junior middles.
Claudemir Dias stopped Reinaldo Vacaroglio in the third round, bantams.
(04-04-85)
▶**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Heavyweight prospect Jose Augusto dos Santos stopped Pedro Ferraro in the fourth.
Carlos Henrique Alves outscored veteran Jose Francisco de Paula, eight, featherweights.
(04-13-85)
▶**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Elio Santana outpointed Argentine Julio E. Sanchez, eight, junior middleweights.
Clarismundo Silva retained his Brazilian light heavyweight crown by halting Dione Ferreyra in five.
(04-27-85)
▶**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Edson Gilberto outscored Edesio Molina Ortiz, 10, junior welterweights.
Sidney Dal Rovere outscored Elcio Mesias, eight, lightweights.
(05-05-85)
▶**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Diogenes Pacheco da Silva outscored Guillermo Froontini, 10, junior middles.
Claudemir Dias TKO'd Valdir Lobo in five, bantamweights.
Eulalio Almeyda outpointed Jose Carlos Santos, eight, junior welters.
Rui Barboza Bomfin outscored Joao Tavares, six, middles.
(05-11-85)
▶**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Brazilian and South American junior lightweight champion Francisco Tomas de Cruz knocked out Edwin Calix in the first round.
Brazilian and South American junior middleweight title holder Francisco (Chiquinho) de Jesus halted Luis Flores Teran in round five.
Sidney Dal Rovere stopped Alejandro Carballo Rios in the third round, lightweights.
(05-26-85)

CHILE

▶**PUERTO MONTT—Gimnasio de Puerto Montt**—World bantamweight contender Cardenio Ulloa floored Argentine Jorge Franco in the third round and then stopped him in the fourth.
(05-25-85)

PARAGUAY

▶**VILLARICA**—Paraguayan light heavyweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez outpointed Enrique Coronel, 10.
(05-18-85)

PERU

▶**CHINCHA—Palacio de los Deportes**—Panamanian Jorge Pino won the vacant Latin American welterweight crown by knocking out Peruvian Pedro (Comba) Gallardo in the ninth round of a scheduled 12. The title had been stripped from Peruvian Fernando Rocco Castro due to dispute he had with a promoter. Pino and Gallardo have poor records.

VENEZUELA

▶**CARACAS**—Former WBA lightweight champion Ernesto Espana won the Central American & Caribbean title by outpointing

CONTINENTAL AMERICAS RATINGS BY THE WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE
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3. Jose Ribalta (Cuba)
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5. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
6. Carl Williams (U.S.)
7. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)
8. Jose Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
9. Larry Alexander (U.S.)
10. Kip Kane (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
2. Jeff Lampkin (U.S.)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
5. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
6. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
7. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
8. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
9. Ibi Zimmerman (Curacao)
10. Willie Featherstone (Canada)

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Champion
J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
3. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
4. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
5. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
6. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
7. Clarismundo Silva (Brazil)
8. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
9. Don LaLonde (Canada)
10. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
1. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
2. James Shuler (U.S.)
3. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
4. Don Lee (U.S.)
5. Alex Hilton (Canada)
6. Michael Olajide, Jr. (Canada)
7. Esteban Pizzaro (Puerto Rico)
8. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
9. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
10. Carlos Betancourt (Puerto Rico)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
1. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. Mark Medal (Puerto Rico)
4. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
5. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
6. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
7. Fernando Santos (Brazil)
8. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
9. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
10. David Noel (Trinidad)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Hilton (Canada)
1. Aaron Pryor (U.S.)
2. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
3. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
4. Luis Santana (U.S.)
5. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
6. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
7. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
8. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
9. Fernando Castro (Peru)
10. Ernest Curtis (U.S.)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Darryl Fuller (U.S.)
1. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
2. Saul Julio (Colombia)
3. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
4. Ricky Young (U.S.)
5. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
6. Leroy Haley (U.S.)
7. Juan Cruces (Chile)
8. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Mitchell Julien (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
1. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
2. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
3. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
4. Ezequiel Mosquera (Panama)
5. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Orlando Romero (Peru)
8. Junel Rodriguez (Venezuela)
9. Peter Cunningham (Canada)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Rosendo Alonso (Mexico)
1. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
2. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
3. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
4. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
5. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
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FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
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Championship
Vacant
1. Harold Petty (U.S.)
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3. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
6. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
7. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
8. Jose Meneses (Panama)
9. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
10. Andres Tena (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Sam David (U.S.)
2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
4. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
5. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
6. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
7. Azael Moran (Panama)
8. Diego Avila (Mexico)
9. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
10. Benito Badilla (Chile)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
2. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
3. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
4. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
5. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
6. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
9. Jose Chacon (Panama)
10. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Rep.)
5. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
6. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
7. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
8. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
9. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
10. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
4. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
5. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
6. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
7. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
8. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Rep.)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Luis Beltran (Chile)

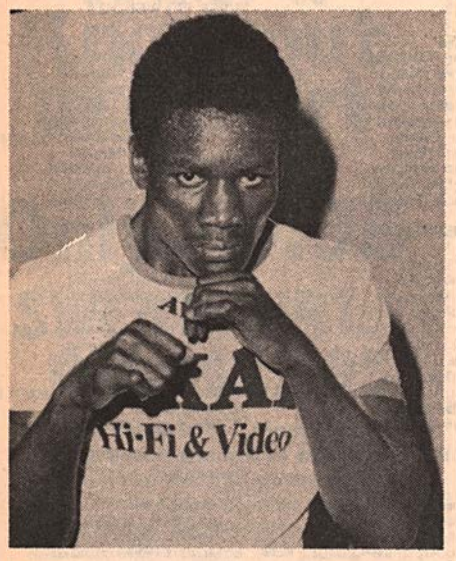
countryman Junel Rodriguez, 12.
(06-01-85)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

BELGIUM

▶**BROECHEM**—Andre Blanco narrowly outpointed Haidar Nourredine, six rounds, lightweights. Blanco had won only five of his previous 49 bouts, and Nourredine only six of 34.
(05-10-85)
▶**CHAUDFONTAINE**—Romain Mianzuela outpointed 37-year-old French junior middleweight Germain LeMaitre, 10. Mianzuela is now undefeated in 28 bouts, but it was a dull performance.
Mohamed Bouziani outscored Diego Martines, six, junior middles.
(05-24-85)



Former world junior middleweight king, Ayub Kalule, stopped mismatched Pierre Joly to win the vacant EBU middleweight title.

DENMARK

▶**COPENHAGEN**—Former world junior middleweighht champion Ayub Kalule halted late sub Pierre Joly in the eight round to win the vacant European middleweight crown.
Kalule was to have been the challenger against Tony Sibson, but Sibson was injured in training. He produced medical evidence, but the European Boxing Union decided to strip himm of the title. The EBU practically awarded the crown to Kalule by recognizing the Kalule-Joly contest as a title bout.
Danish lightweight Gert Bo Jacobsen stopped Claude Lancastre in the fourth round.
Ugandan Mohammad Kawoya halted Abdel Marbi in round five, light welters.
Joel Brival of France knocked out John Mortensen in the third, light middles.
(06-20-85)

FRANCE

▶**NICE**—Unbeaten junior middleweight Abdel Souihi stopped R. Jacquot in five.
(03-22-85)
▶**ANTIBES**—M. Ounes halted Y. Kechiche in three, junior welters.
(03-29-85)
▶**BORDEAUX**—J.N. Camara outpointed Justin M'Foudi, six, middles.
Thierry Ward stopped A. Sierra in three, welterweights.
(03-29-85)
▶**ANDREZIEUX-BOUTHEON**—J.M. Forestier outscored Abdel Khalid, six, welters.
▶**TOULON**—Robert Forniers outpointec Claude Kessaci, eight, junior lightweights.
Mohammed Lazmany halted S. Suhadolnikk in four, junior welterweights.
(04-12-85)
▶**CHINON**—T. Mondelice outpointed D. Yameogo, six, junior welters.
(04-13-85)
▶**DINAN**—Pascal Lorcy outscored D. Yameogo, six, junior welters.
(04-13-85)
▶**MONTARGIS**—Nihat Er outpointed Philippe Martin, eight, junior lightweights.
(04-13-85)
▶**SAINTES**—A. Abdi outpointed D. Gallouze, six, light middles.
(04-20-85)
▶**COMPIEGNE**—J.P. Dibateza outpointed M. Bouras, six, to win a tournament for fetherweight novices.
(04-20-85)
▶**BREST**—Congolese heavyweight Anaclet Wamba outscored veteran Louis Pergaud, eight.
(04-27-85)
▶**GRAY**—Bewredjeb and M. Bouras drew, six, featherweights.
Patrick Grisot outscored A. Laachira, eight, middleweights.
(05-03-85)
▶**MERU**—Norbert Alcade stopped M. Baradaran in three, lightweights.
(05-04-85)
▶**VANDOEUVRE**—L. Machurra outscored F. LaMielle, six, feathers.
(05-17-85)
▶**STE. MAXIME**—Abdel Chahboune outscored Robert Forneris, eight, lightweigts.
J.M. Forestier outpointed J. Romero, eight, junior middles.
(05-17-85)
▶**MARSEILLES**—Alain (The French Tank) Limarola outscored 33-year-old Spanish flyweight Enrique Rodriguez Cal, 10.
Marc Ruocco halted overmatched Zyle Borota, Yugoslavia, in three. Ruocco, a junior middle, is now 20-0 with 18 kayoes.
Promising junior lightweight Jean Marie (Tony) Gambino and veteran Sammy Meck drew, eight.
(05-17-85)
▶**PARIS—Parc des Princes**—Carlos Santos retained his IBF junior middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Louis Acaries, 15. Scoring: Rudy Battle (New Jersey), 143-142; Chuck Minker (Nevada), 147-138; Lawrence Wallace, 147-139. Larry Hazzard, referee. Santos is now 28-1. Acaries is 39-6.
Five scheduled eight-rounders made up the remainder of the bill.

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Andre Mongelema outscored America Tony harrison.
Sabiyala Diavilla halted Felix Pintor in the seventh, junior middles. Pintor was knocked down three times.
Marc Ruocco knocked out Helier Cuustos with a borderline shot to the body in the first round.
Yawe Davis, Uganda, outscored Taoufik Balbouil, eight, heavyweights. The previously undefeated Balbouil had a good advantage in weight.
Southpaw Jean Baptiste Mendy, Senegal, scored a major upset by outpointing Edgar Castro, Venezuela, junior lights. The 22-year-old Mendy is now 13-2-2.
(06-01-85)
▶**LA SEYNE SUR MER**—Jose Rosemain halted Jose Seys of Belgium in round seven, light heavies.
Jean Noel Camara halted Marnix Heytens in two, middles.
(06-01-85)
▶**CLUSES**—Louis Gomis halted Nourredine Hamdani on cuts in the fifth round, bantams. Gomis is still undefeated.
Jean-Pierre DiBateza outpointed Farid Benredjeb, six, featherweights. DiBateza represented Zaire in the 1984 Olympics. He now has five wins in the pro ranks.
Former French junior lightweight champion Michel Siracusa outpointed young Rafaelle Paoletti, eight.
Antoine Montero halted Mexican bantamweight Francisco Mojica on cuts in round two.
(06-07-85)
▶**FREJUS**—Aldo Curti moved up to the middleweight division and outpointed Sami Baara, eight.
(06-07-85)
▶**CLEON**—Tex N'Kalankete retained his French light welterweight title by outpointing Philippe Arrendel, 10.
▶**RHEIMS**—French juniorr lightweight champion Daniel Londas kayoed Paul Tiwizana with a ripping body punch in the fourth round. Londas is now 33-4.
(06-14-85)

ITALY

▶**LUMEZZANE**—Former amateur star Maurizio Ronzoni halted Abdel Souihi on a cut in the fifth session.
¿04-20-85)
▶**GENOA**—Venezuelan junior lightweight Edgar Castro outscored Jose (Kid) Garcia of Spain, eight.
(05-09-85)
▶**MEDICINA**—Venezuelan Nelson Trujillo outscored Charles Ssali, eight rounds, lightweights.
Paolo Pesci outpointed Hassain, six, welterweights.
(05-10-85)
▶**ROME**—European flyweight champion Franco Cherchiu outpointed Raphael Ramos of the Domenican Republic, eight.
Romolo Casamonica and Moktar D'Jelassi drew, six, light middleweights.
Rinaldo Cacchioni halted Gerard Findenigo of Austria in three, light welters.
(05-17-85)
▶**PISTOIA**—Rosario Pacileo and Butangi Nzolameso drew, eight, light middleweights.
Pietro Morello outpointed Francis Aparicio, six, lightweights.
Guiseppi Contu outpointed Abdel Diane, six, bantamweights.
(05-17-85)
▶**GROSSETO**—Alessandro Scapecchi retained his Italian light welterweight title by knocking out Giovanni Carrino in round two. The 26-year-old schoolteacher is now 25-3-2. This was the 34-year-old Carrino's fourth attempt to win an Italian title.
Lomani Muysungu outscored Charles Sali, eight, lightweights.
Salvatore Naredino halted Eloi De Souza in round four, light welters.
Kalongo Bolomi stopped Lewonzio Balestra in four, light heavies.
(05-24-85)
▶**AROSIO**—Southpaw Boom Boom Liquori outscored Mosimo Maeleke. The 27-year-old Liquori, a light middle, is now 18-1-2.
Former light middleweight chammpion Daniele Zappaterra outscored Raphael Salammone, eight.
Domenico Ricci outpointed Ngindola Engote, six, light middleweights.
(05-25-85)
▶**PESCARA**—Guido DiRocco outpointed Abdel Khalid, six, light middleweights.
Constantino Padovano kayoed Abdelrahim Souihi in three, light middles.
Luciano DiGiacomo outscored Gabriele Lazzari, six, light heavies.
(05-31-85)
▶**PESARO**—Nazario Mariotti outpointed Piero Spadaccini, six, light middles.
(06-01-85)
▶**AGROPOLI**—Former European junior lightweight champion Alfredo Raininger won on a disqualification over Marco Boero in round four. Raininger, who turned 28 the day before the bout, is now 34-1.
Bantamweight prospect Anonio Picardi notched win number six by outpointing Francisco Garcia, six.
Welterweight Renato Biagio outpointed Charles Ssali, six.
Light middleweight Gaetano Moretti kayoed Claudio Bosio in one.
(06-03-85)
▶**GENOA**—Gaetano Caso won the Italian welterweight crown by halting defending title holder Eupremio Epifani in the 12th and final round. The bout was stopped by the ringside physician. The 26-year-old Caso is now 11-1-2.
Vincenzo Balcastro and Alessandro DeSantis drew, six, bantams.
Carlo Quintano outpointed Bofunga Eymono, eight, feathers.

(06-04-85)
▶**LUCCA**—Giovanni DeMarco retained his Italian middleweight title with a draw against Edmondo Buttiglione, 12. DeMarco is now 18-0-1. Buttiglione is 15-1-1.

Pietro Ciarla raised his record to 9-1-1 by outpointing Luciano Navarra, six, welterweights.

Lightweight Pierro Morello halted Nejib Ben Brahim on cuts in the second.

Lotfi Belkhir outscored Hassen Maghraoui, six, light welters.
(06-05-85)
▶**SCANDICCI**—Former Italian middleweight champion Gaetano Ardito won by a disqualification over Tony Britton in round five. Ardito, now 20-0, was making his fifth start after two years of inactivity.

Former European bantamweight champion Valerio Nati halted Billy Hardy in round four.

Light middleweight Andrea Scardigli outscored Rene Jacquot, six. Scardigli is now 6-0.
(06-07-85)
▶**CASTELLER GUIDOBONO**—Former WBA junior featherweight champion Loris Stecca stopped Lane Killan in five. Stecca is now 35-1-1 with 28 kayoes.

Brother Maurizio Stecca halted Donald Doster in two. Maurizio is now 8-0.

Olympian Angelo Musone kayoed Mike McCoy in the first round, heavies.

Romolo Casamonica stopped Ambrose Mondy of France in one.

Rinaldo Cacchioni outpointed Marcel Denis, six, light welters.
(06-08-85)

SWITZERLAND

▶**GENEVA**—M. Martelli outpointed M. Zeroual, six, light middles.
(03-26-85)
▶**GENEVA**—A. Moumene outscored C. Glugeve, six, light heavies.
(04-26-85)
▶**LUGANO**—Abdel Khalid outpointed A. Serrano, six, light middles.

Sid Traore outscored Walter Borghesi, six, light middles.
(05-17-85)
▶**LAUSANNE**—Antonio Torsello stopped Domenico Ricci in the second round, light middles.
(06-07-85)

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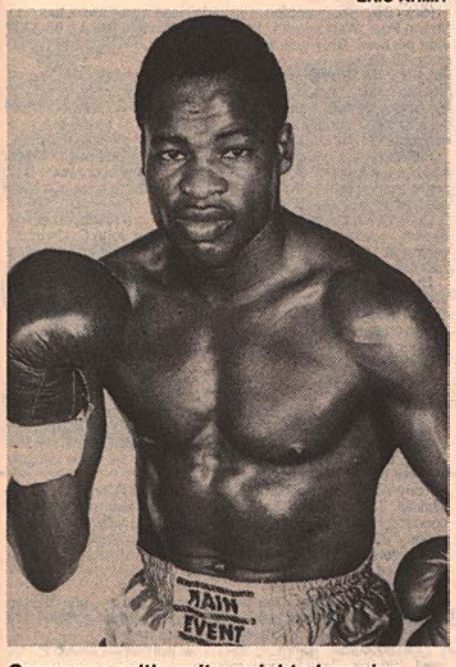

Commonwealth welterweight champion Sylvester Mittee.

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—Commonwealth welter champ Sylvester Mittee, 146½, took a step up the ladder by comfortably outpointing American Pedro Vilella, 145, over 10, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 98½-96, an overwhelming victory, some fans thought the margin even wider. As Vilella was rated number nine by the WBC, Mittee can be said to have acquitted himself well.

However, there was a shock for Mittee in the opening round, when he was twice warned for right-hand punches that the referee obviously considered low. Another right hand near the end of the first session brought a final warning, and with Vilella in pain on the canvas, there could have been a quick finish. But the American got up, and, from then on, Mittee gave a superb display of boxing and punching.

Vilella was warned for holding in round four, and was also floored from a right hand. He rose at three, seemingly not knowing too much about what was going on, and went down again until the count had reached eight.

As the fight proceeded, Vilella got farther and farther behind, and resorted to holding at every opportunity, for which he was warned. He went down without a count in round seven and was cut by the right eye in round nine. This prompted him to fight back, something he had shown no inclination to do before.

He continued to show willingness in the final round. There were no more knockdowns and it ended in an easy win for Mittee.

European junior lightweight champion Pat Cowdell, 127¾, didn't lose a round in outpointing Venezuelan Jose Mosqueda, 128, referee Roland Dakin casting it 100-95 after 10 rounds in which Mosqueda's spoiling tactics made it difficult for Cowdell to land cleanly.

This was a substitute fight, so it wasn't easy for either man. Mosqueda was meeting his third World-ranked opponent within a month, previously tackling Mario Miranda and Bernard Taylor. He is an elusive customer who can make the best look awkward.

British light welter champion Terry Marsh, 138½, beat American Randy Mitchum, 141, referee Dakin stopping it at 1:10 of round six in a scheduled 10. Mitchum had not been down, but he was cut by the left eye in round five and unable to cope with Marsh's speed of foot and punch.

Unbeaten Glenn McCrory, Anfield Plain, 200, kayoed Alfonso Forbes, Birmingham, 208, in 1:10 of round one in a scheduled six. Mike Jacobs, referee.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 125½, outpointed Graham Clarke, Cardiff, 127½, referee Nick White scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 146, stopped Mickey Kilgallon, Peckham, 147½, referee White not bothering to take up the count after Kilgallon had been floored at 2:20 of round five. Kilgallon was previously unbeaten.

George Collins, Camberley, 146¼, stopped Tim Gladwish, Hastings, 147¾, at 1:57 of round two in a scheduled four, referee White again not taking up the count with Gladwish on his knees from a right hand.
(05-28-85)
▶**LONGFORD—Crest Hotel**—Rocky Kelly, the Southern Area welterweight champion, 149, comfortably outpointed American Ricky Randall, 147½, referee Mike Jacobs' card showing 99½-95½ after 10. Kelly was down twice when caught off balance, and Randall's wholehearted performance was better than the scoreline suggests. Plenty of action in this one.

Gary Cooper, Lymington, 154, regained the Southern Area junior middleweight title by narrowly outpointing Mick Courtney, Chorleywood, also 154, referee Jacobs scoring it 98-97½ after 10. Cooper had given up the title to fight for the British crown.

Serg Fame, Paddington, 175, confirmed a previous victory by stopping T.J. Lawrence, Rhondda, 173½, referee Paddy Sower intervening at 0:55 of round four after Lawrence had been floored twice.

Con Cronin, Watford, 140, outpointed Kenny Watson, Norwood, 138½, over six, referee Sower casting it a narrow 59-58½. Watson was handicapped almost throughout by a cut over the left eye.

Nicky Day, Southampton, 140½, stopped Dave Smithson, Ashford, 134, referee Sower intervening at 1:32 of round four

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
5. Dave Russell (Australia)
6. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
7. Noel Quarless (Great Britain)
8. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
9. Mike Simwelu (Zambia)
10. Cedric Parsons (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
2. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
3. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Asea Nama (Fiji)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Don LaLonde (Canada)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Alek Penarski (Great Britain)
7. Wally Carr (Australia)
8. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)
9. Doug Sam (Australia)
10. Willie Featherstone (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
4. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Alex Hilton (Canada)
7. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
8. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
9. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
10. Michael Olajide (Canada)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
4. John Munduga (Uganda)
5. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
6. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
7. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
8. Nelson Bosso (Zimbabwe)
9. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
10. David Noel (Trinidad)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. David Hilton (Canada)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
8. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
9. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
10. Martin McGough (Great Britain)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Dale Artango (Australia)
4. Pat Leglise (Australia)
5. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
6. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
7. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
8. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
9. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
10. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Ghana)
3. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
4. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
5. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
6. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
7. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
8. Paul Chance (Great Britain)
9. Peter Cunningham (Canada)
10. Mickey Baker (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Lester Ellis (Australia)
3. Isaiah Ikhoni (Kenya)
4. Tony Miller (Australia)
5. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
6. Anthony Andrews (Guyana)
7. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
8. Hakeem Alli (Nigeria)
9. Hans Sankisa (Zambia)
10. Patrick Ford (Guyana)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Tony Pep (Canada)
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BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Sandy Odanga (Uganda)
4. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
5. John Farrell (Great Britain)
6. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
7. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
8. Roy Webb (Great Britain)
9. Joe Orewa (Nigeria)
10. Billy Hardy (Nigeria)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
6. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
9. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)
10. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)

after Smithson had been saved by the bell in the opening round and was under severe pressure.
(05-25-85)

▶**DUDLEY—Town Hall**—Willie Wright, 158, successfully defended his Midlands Area middleweight title by stopping Mickey Kidd, Bedworth, 160, referee John Coyle halting matters at 0:20 of round nine in a scheduled 10.

You wouldn't think an Area title could remain vacant for 22 years, but that was the position when Rocky Lawlor, Birmingham, 117, won the bantam crown by stopping Shane Silvester, West Bromwich, 118, referee Coyle intervening at 2:05 of round two in a scheduled 10. A right hand put Silvester on the canvas in the opening round, and he was down again from a similar punch in the second. Shane protested that he was able to continue.

Paul Worthington, Crewe, 144, outpointed Darren Bowen, Wednesday, 146, over four twos, referee Geoff Clarke scoring it 39½-39. A right hand put Bowen down after only one second of the fight, but he survived only to be decked again in round three by a hook.

Peter Till, Bloxwich, 136, outpointed G.G. Mudd, Liverpool, also 136, over six twos, referee Clarke's card showing 59½-58. Mudd was making his debut.

Dennis Bailey, Kettering, 175½, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 177, over six twos, referee Clarke casting it 59½-57½.
(05-23-85)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 164, beat Johnny Elliott, Telford, 161, referee Jim Pridding intervening at 0:39 of round six in a scheduled eight when Elliott was cut by the right eye, needing six stitches. Elliott was down without a count in the fourth round.

Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 128, outpointed Mickey Pat Baird, Birmingham, 126, over six twos, referee John Keene scoring it 59-58½. Some thought the margin wider. Baird was dropped in round four.

Frankie Lake, Bournemouth, 136, stopped Dan Myers, Northampton, 142, referee Keene intervening at 0:58 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Myers had been down.

George Jones, Telford, 135, outpointed Robert Southley, Canning Town, referee Pridding casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

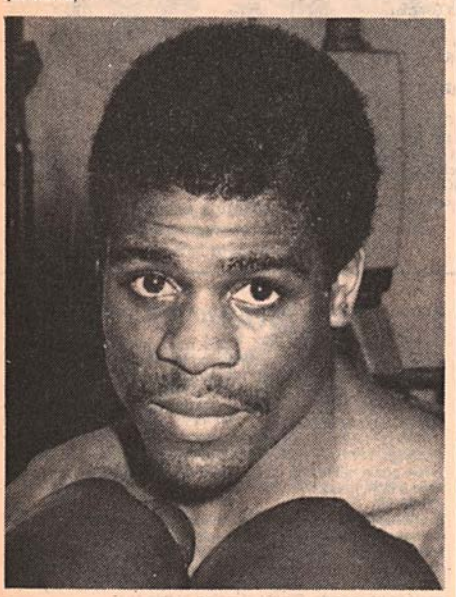
Kid Marlow, Birmingham, outpointed debutant and substitute Tony Stevens, Hackney, over six twos by 59½-58.
(05-21-85)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Gary Tomlinson, Alfreton, 161, stopped John Langol, Uganda (based in Birmingham), 156, referee Bryan Arnott (who officiated in all bouts) intervening at 1:06 of round three in a scheduled eight. Langol had been knocked down twice.

Chris Pegg, Nottingham, 126, outpointed Si Holdcroft, 127½, over six twos by 59½-59, with some thinking that the latter deserved at least a draw.

Debutant Noel Magee, 171½, kayoed Nigel Prickett, Plymouth, 167, in the opening round of a scheduled six twos. Time: 0:42.

Brian Waring, Liverpool, 137, stopped debutant Brian May, New Cross, 138, the referee intervening at 1:24 of the sixth and final (two min.) round after May had been floored thrice.
(05-22-85)



Errol Christie had another easy outing, stopping sub Vincent Mayes in the opening round. Christie is now 19-1, with 18 knockouts.

▶**HALIFAX—Civic Centre**—Errol Christie, Coventry, 161½, stopped substitute American Vincent Mayes, 158, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 2:34 of round one after Mayes had been down twice and was under extreme pressure. Christie then scored his 19th victory in 20 contests, 18 inside schedule. Mayes has an indifferent record, and it was so easy for Errol, who has challenged Herol Graham for the British title.

Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 133½, stopped Gary Felvus, Keighley, 134½, referee Hogg calling a halt at 1:39 of round five in a scheduled 10 after Felvus had been down. It was his first defeat. This was a final eliminator for the vacant Central Area lightweight title.

Ian Lazarus Leeds, 177, kayoed Devon Bailey, Battersea, also 177, in 0:54 of the eighth and final round, the second knockdown. Lazarus was rated number 11, and Bailey number nine. Keith Garner, referee.

Carl Gaffney, Leeds, 220, beat Denroy Bryan, Swindon, 206, referee Garner halting matters at 1:10 of the opening round in a scheduled six. Bryan had stopped fighting back.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 125½, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 124½, over eight, referee Hogg scoring it 79½-76½. They have now met three times, Enwright winning two. The other was drawn.
(05-30-85)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 134, won the vacant Scottish lightweight title, stopping Dave Savage, Glasgow, 133¾, referee Billy Rafferty intervening at 0:49 of round seven in a scheduled 10 after Savage had been floored twice.

Dave Adams, Kirkcaldy, 124½, outpointed Lee Graham, Finchley, 125¼, over eight, referee Rafferty scoring it 80-77½, meaning Adams had not lost a round. Graham, who had been inactive for over two years, was down twice.

Gary Jacobs, Glasgow, 143¾, outpointed Nigel Burke, Newport, 142½, referee Danny McCafferty scoring it 60-58½ after six twos—indicating Jacobs hadn't lost a round.

Doug Munro, Glasgow, 135½, confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Carl Merritt, Newport, 135½, over six twos—yet another winner who didn't lose a round. Referee McCafferty scored it 60-57½.
(06-03-85)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Junao Ausha, Liverpool, 138, beat Ian Harrison, Manchester, 137, who retired at the end of round six in a scheduled eight when his left eye had closed. Ron Hackett, referee.

Mal Kirk, Ashton, 176, outpointed Mark Walker, Leigh, also 176, over six, referee Keith Garner casting it a narrow 59-58½. Walker was down briefly in rounds two and three.

Sean O'Phoenix, Sheffield, 161¾, outpointed David Scere, Manchester, 162, over six twos, referee Garner's card showing 59-58. Anthony Wakefield, Manchester, 128, made a satisfactory debut by drawing with Des Gargano, Manchester, 126, over six. Ron Hackett, referee.
(06-03-85)

▶**EVERTON—Park Sports Centre**—Tony Brown, Bootle, 146, won the vacant Central Area welter title by stopping Cliff Domville, Liverpool, 147, referee Harry Warner intervening at 1:28 of round one after Domville had been decked three times. Brown is a former holder of the Central Area light welter crown.

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Irish welter champ Tony Sinnott, 150, drew with John McAllister, Glasgow, 149, six. Sinnott was floored three times in the fifth, but finished strongly. Referee Keith Garner.

Raffaele Feliciello, Rhyl, 142, outpointed Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 139, referee Warner scoring it 79½-77½ after eight. Feliciello came in as a sub.

Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 150, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Frank Moro, Liverpool, also 150, referee Garner casting it 78½-77½ after eight.

Anthony Brown, St. Helens, 137, won every round in outpointing Billy Joe Dee, Alfreton, 128, referee Garner's card showing 60-57 after six. Both were down in round three; Dee was down in round four.
(05-31-85)

▶**BLACKBURN—King Georges Hall**—Sammy Sampson, Preston, 153, outpointed Tony Smith, Liverpool, 150, referee Mickey Vann casting it 79½-77½ after eight.

Joe Threlfall, Preston, 198, beat Brian McHugh, Blackpool, 196, referee Vann stopping it at 0:40 of round four in a scheduled six after McHugh had been down; the latter protested. At 5 ft., 5 in., McHugh is under an obvious disadvantage as a heavyweight.

Jimmy Ashworth, 194, narrowly outpointed Mike Creasy, 206, referee Ron Hackett casting it 59-58 after six.

Karl Ince, Preston, 149, kayoed sub Mick Joyce, Doncaster, 151½, in round one of a scheduled six with a right to the head. Mickey Vann, referee.

Gypsy Johnny, Colne, 120, outpointed Les Clarkson, Hull, 119, over four, referee Hackett scoring it 39½-38½.

Mick Cordon, Doncaster, 200, narrowly outpointed Steve Garber, Bradford, 205, referee Hackett scoring it 59-58½ after six.
(05-30-85)

▶**LONDON—Cats Whiskers, Streatham**—Pat Doherty, Croydon, 128½, kayoed Dean Bramhald, 127¾, Doncaster, in round six with a left hook to the body. Roy Francis, referee.

Lloyd Morgan, Tottenham, 140, didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Tempro, also 140, Leicester, over eight twos, referee Francis casting it 80-76½.

Chas Dackombe, Streatham, 146½, beat Claude Rosse, Derby, 147, referee Nick White stopping it at the end of round five in a scheduled six twos, Rosse sustaining a cut by the left eye. Dackombe, too, was cut by the left eye, which required two inspections by the referee, but was not considered serious enough to stop the fight.

Jimmy Harrison, Wandsworth, 140½, outpointed Andrew Mayers, Birmingham, 141, over six twos, referee White's card showing 59½-57½.

Lee Davis, Woodley, 175½, scored his fifth straight victory by outpointing sub Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 174, referee Francis scoring it 59½-58½.

Nicky Day, Southampton, 140, didn't lose a round in outscoring Melvin Paul, Wandsworth, 137, referee White casting it 60-57½ after six twos. Gray was cut by the left eye.
(date TK-85)

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Britain's Nick Wilshire, Bristol, 153, won the Commonwealth light middleweight title by defeating the holder, Ken Salisbury, Australia (but born in Liverpool), referee Larry O'Connell intervening at the end of round two in a scheduled 12; Salisbury had sustained a cut on the right eyelid.

Salisbury and his mentors protested at the stoppage, which came after a clash of heads, although all the aggression had come from Wilshire. A return bout will probably take place as soon as arrangements can be made.

Chris Pyatt, Leicester, 155¾, made it 14 in a row by stopping Graeme Ahmed, Wandsworth, 156¼, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:35 of round three in a scheduled eight after Ahmed had been decked.

Duke McKenzie, Croydon, 111¾, had no trouble winning the vacant British flyweight title, opponent Danny Flynn, Edinburgh, 111¾, being on the canvas six times before referee John Coyle halted matters at 2:10 of round four in a scheduled 12. McKenzie, brother of former light welter champ Clinton McKenzie, is unbeaten in 11 bouts.

Michael Watson, Islington, 162½, stopped Gary Tomlinson, Alfreton, 162¼, referee Dave Parris calling a halt at 2:04 of round four in a scheduled six. Tomlinson had been down twice.

Mick Courtney, Chorleywood, 152, confirmed a previous win by stopping Cameron Lithgow, Swindon, referee O'Connell intervening at 1:17 of round five in a scheduled 10 when Lithgow was cut by both eyes.

Tony Wilson, Wolverhampton, 176¼, kayoed Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 177, in round five of a scheduled six, referee Parris counting Hylton out at 1:25 as he was on the way up.

Gary Stretch, Liverpool, defeated Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 149, referee Parris halting matters at 0:52 of round two in a scheduled six with Casey under great pressure.
(06-05-85)

▶**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—John Wilder, Hastings, 133, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 136, referee Harry Gibbs scoring it 59½-58½ over six twos.

Chubby Martin, Islington, 134, drew with Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 138, six. Tony Walker, referee.

Dennis Horgan, Dulwich, 140, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mark Simpson, Brighton, also 140, over six, referee Walker scoring it 60-57½.

John McGlynn, Swansea, 157, outscored Phil O'Hare, Manchester, 154, referee Gibbs' card showing 59½-58½ after six twos.
(06-04-84)

▶**CARDIFF—Star Leisure Center**—Dave Griffiths, Cardiff, 140, stopped Lee Remikie, Leicester, also 140, who retired at the end of round four in a scheduled six because of a hand injury. Wynford Jones, referee.

Neil Munn, Penarth, 163, looked good in his debut, not losing a round against Dave Scott, Telford, 160, referee Ivor Bassett scoring it 60-57 after six.

Glen McLaggon, Cardiff, 127, stopped Mark Champney, Bour-

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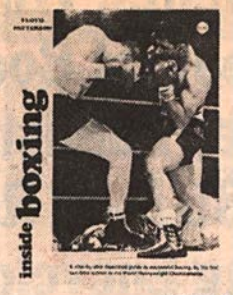

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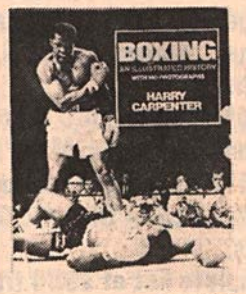

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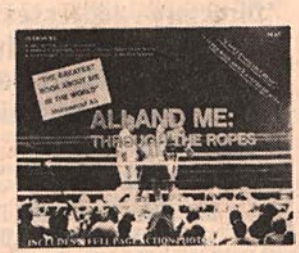

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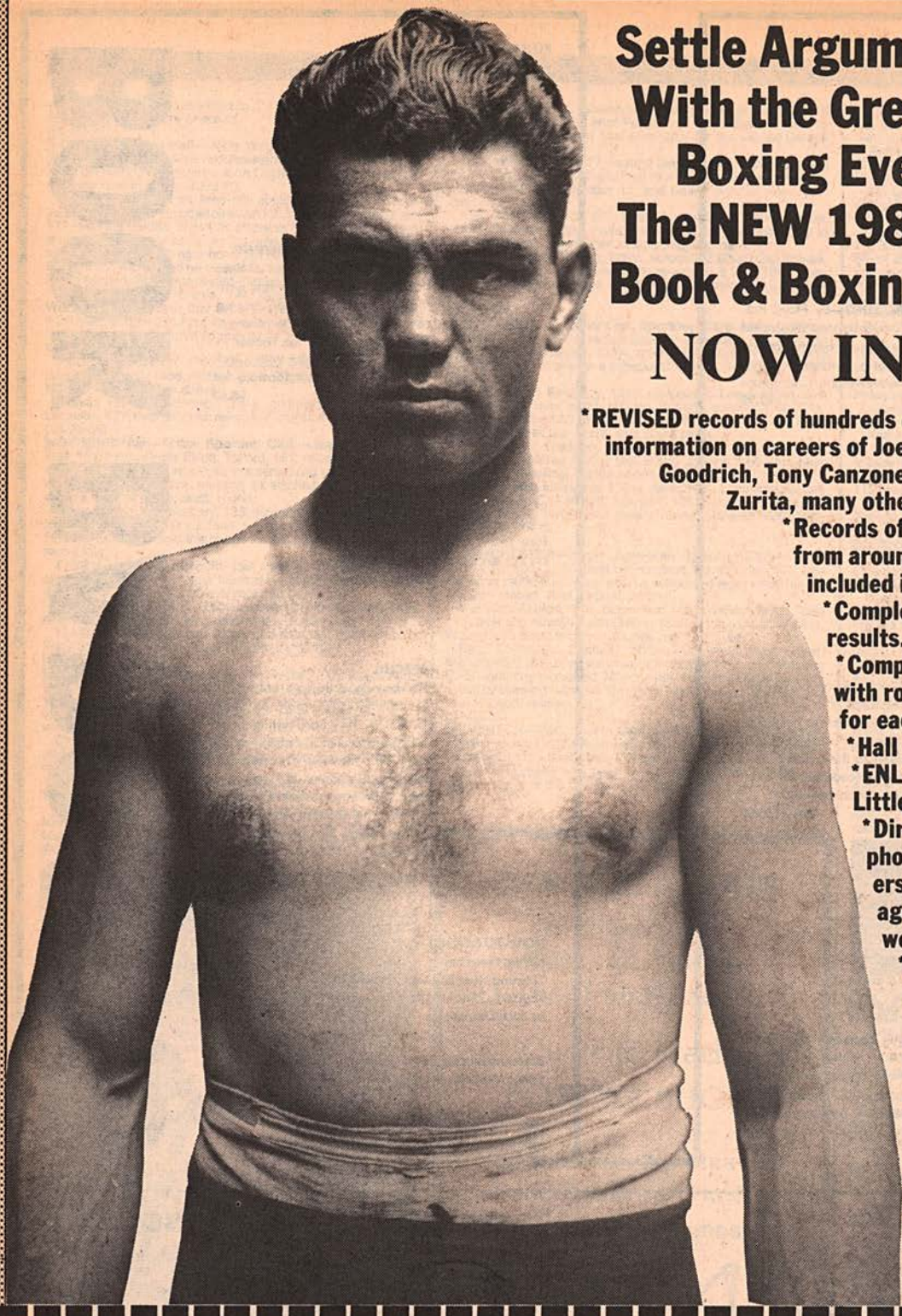

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nemouth, 127¼, referee Adrian Morgan calling a halt at 0:44 of round three in a scheduled six twos, after Champney had been floored.

Chris Jacobs, Swansea, 224, drew with Gypsy Carmen, Norwich, 202½, six. Mike Jacobs, referee.

George Jones, Telford, 140, stopped Kenny Watson, Canning Town, 136½, referee Roddy Evans intervening at 0:55 of round five in a scheduled six after Watson had been floored.

This was a joint promotion by Frank Warren and Eddie Thomas in aid of referee James Brimmell, who had suffered a serious accident.
(06-10-85)

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Unusual to find two overseas boxers in opposition as a top-liner on a British bill, but former WBC lightweight champion Edwin Rosario of Puerto Rico and Frankie Randall of Tennessee provided a feast of good boxing and ringcraft, with Rosario, 132¾, winning the 10-rounder on points, and Randall, 136, losing his unbeaten record. Referee Harry Gibbs scored it a narrow 98½-98.

After a slow start, in which he allowed Randall to take the initiative, Rosario came good in round four and from that point on gradually made up the leeway. By round eight, he was in complete control, and Randall did well to survive the last three minutes.

The bout was shown on live TV in the United States, and thoroughly justified its choice. Ringside fans gave both boxers a great ovation.

Former British and Commonwealth middleweight champion Mark Kaylor, 160¼, outpointed American Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 156½, over 10 by 99-98 on the card of referee Gibbs.

Kaylor was cut near the left eye in round six, and it bled profusely. The shorter Walker was warned on several occasions for misuse of the head, but it wasn't possible to see what caused the cut.

In spite of the blood, Kaylor kept going, and his aggression earned him victory against a plucky opponent.

Former British welter champ Kirkland Laing, 149, outpointed Ghanian Frankie Morro, 151, referee Bob Galloway's score of 80-77½ indicating that Laing hadn't lost any of the eight rounds.

Johnny Graham, Tottenham, 164, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Alan Baptiste, Luton, 165¾, over six, referee Galloway scoring it 60-57½.

In a clash of debutants, Antonio Haines, Harrow, 149¼, outpointed Dana Young, Leytonstone, 149¾, over six twos, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 60-58.

Kid Milo, Birmingham, 146, outpointed Julian Monville, Hackney, 153¼, over six, referee Sower casting it 59½-58.
(06-16-85)

▶**HARTLEPOOL—Borough Hall**—Ray Gilbody, St. Helens, 117½, won the British bantamweight title by outpointing champion John Feeney, Hartlepool, 117¼, over 12 rounds, referee John Coyle scoring it 117½-116½.

This was one against the form book. Last February Gilbody was scheduled to meet Feeney in a title fight. The latter had to withdraw, so Gilbody took on an unknown Ugandan named Sandy Odanga, and was stopped.

Gilbody and Feeney were again scheduled to meet in May, but Ray had to pull out through glandular fever, and there was some talk of his retiring. In deciding to carry on he was proved right.

Feeney needed to beat Gilbody in order to win a Lonsdale Belt outright and it is now anticipated that he will move up into the featherweight division.

It was an exciting fight to watch, and both had their moments of supremacy. Gilbody was throwing more punches, but Feeney was more accurate. From round five, Gilbody put on the pressure, and kept on top in spite of some significant Feeney rallies.

Both put everything they had into the fight and Feeney was naturally disappointed. He's been a good champion, and four shots at the European crown, all in Italy. He lost all four on points.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 206½, didn't lose a round outpointing Ian Priest, Alfreton, 212, referee Fred Potter casting it 80-77 after eight twos. Priest was down briefly in round two, and Garside was cut by the left eye (two stitches).

In another eight twos, referee Potter returned an identical scoreline of 80-77 when Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 140, outpointed Steve Tempro, Leicester, 145½. Tempro was down briefly in round seven.

Gary Stretch, St. Helens, 146, made it four in a row by stopping Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 145½, referee Coyle intervening at 0:46 of round three in a scheduled eight twos with Gloster under pressure.

Billy Laidman, Durham, 135½, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 138, over six. Trialist Gerald Watson refereed the bout, but Fred Potter scored it from outside and his card showed 59½-58½.
(06-13-85)

▶**MANCHESTER—Free Trade Hall**—Brian Roche, Bacup, 136, kept his undefeated record by outpointing Junaid Ausha, Liverpool, 138, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 78½-78 after eight. The Ghanaian-born Ausha was considered unlucky by many fans, but it was Roche's second win over him. Roche was down without a count in round four, and looked in trouble in the final round.

Another disputed verdict was awarded to Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 154, who outpointed Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 156, referee Vann scoring it 79-78.

Mike Farghaly, Manchester, 171, best Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 173, referee Vann intervening at 1:45 of round five after Ellis had been down twice.

David Scere, manchester, 163, didn't lose a round in outpointing Shaun West, Alfreton, 164, referee Keith Garner casting it 60-57½ after six.

John Conlon, Liverpool, 137, referee Garner stopping it at 1:05 of round four after Carl had been floored.

Des Gargano, Manchester, 136½, narrowly outpointed substitute Anthony Wakefield, Manchester, 126, referee Garner's card showing 59½-59 after six.

Peter Phillips, 151½, Dinnington, beat Mike Snagg, Liverpool, referee Phil Cowsell calling a halt at 1:00 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Snag under pressure.
(06-17-85)

▶**BASILDON—Festival Hall**—After nearly two years' inactivity, Hugh Johnson, Birmingham, 175½, did well to outpoint Lennie Howard, Chelmsford, 174, referee Bob Galloway scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Andy O'Rawe, Canvey, 142½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mark Simpson, Brioghton, 142, referee Dave Parris scoring it 80-76½ after eight twos.

Also over eight twos, Micky Hull, Chelmsford, 135¼, outpointed Marvin Gray, Wandsworth, 135, referee Parris casting it 79½-78.

Tony Stevens, 153½, kayoed Grayy Smith Brighton, 153, in 0:68 of round three with a right hand. Dave Parris, referee.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 182, outpointed Terry Gilbey, Hull, 180, referee Galloway's card showing 59½-58½ after six.
(06-26-85)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Chris Pyatt, Leicester, 155½, made it 15 successive victories by beating Misimo Maeleke, Zaire, 152¾, referee Bob Galloway intervening at 2:10 of round six in a scheduled eight with Maeleke under pressure. He was down briefly in round two from a left hook.

Rudi Pika, Cardiff, 217¾, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Steve Gee Birmingham, 215, referee Galloway scoring it 80-78 after eight, indicating that Pika hadn't lost a round.

Paul Cook, Dagenham, 139, drew with Junaido Ausha, Liverpool via Ghana, 141½, six. Referee Reg Thompson scored it 59-59.
(07-02-85)

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JAPAN

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Lefty Keiji Kawamura, 126, the Japanese Commission's third ranked junior featherweight, won a unanimous decision over Rusher Kawaguchi, the JBC's number two 126-pounder at the limit, 10.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 98-93, judges Takeaki Kanaya and Kazunobu Asao, 98-95 and 98-94. Keiji, 30, is now 15-5-1 with nine kayoes. Kawaguchi, 23, is 12-4-1 with six knockouts.

Takashi Ishido, 141, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender, won a shutout decision (100-95, 100-96, 100-97) over Shori Takasaki, also 141, 10. Ishido is now 13-10 with nine kayoes.

Mitsuo Hatano, the JBC's third ranked middleweight at 159¼, stopped 31-year-old veteran Hiroshi Izumiya, 159½, at 1:00 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Hatano dropped the loser in the first and fourth rounds. Hatano, 22, is now 4-0.

Former All-Japan Novice King tourney winner Leopard Tamakuma, a 5'8" southpaw at 110¼, dropped Yutaka Tsunoda, also 110¼, twice and finished him at 2:59 of the seventh canto in a scheduled eight.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.
(06-18-85)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Japanese junior featherweight champ Takuya Mugurma, 121¾, stopped Satoshi Koguchi, 121, at 2:26 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. It was Takuya's fifth title defense.

Muguruma is now 19-1-1 with 13 kayoes. Koguchi fell to 11-7-1 with 10 knockouts.

In a supporting 10, Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi, 120¾, knocked out Michio Kawakami, 121¼, in 0:35 of the third session.

Osaka Teiken Promotions. Kansai TV.

Attendance—800.
(06-24-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Rough Takashi Komori, 125¾, turned the tables with unanimous decision over Takeshi Mitsu, also 125¾, 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-97; judges Shoji Nakamori and Takeshi Shimakawa, both 99-96.

Komori lost to Mitsu in the finals of the East Japan Novice King tourney three and a half years ago. Some experts criticized Mitus for not taking a longer rest after his TKO defeat at the hands of Rusher Kawaguchi. Komori, 25, is now 8-2-1 with five knockouts. Mitsu, 22, is 16-4-1 with five kayoes.

Braker (Makata) Taguchi, the JBC's fifth ranked junior featherweight at 117, lost a close but unanimous decision (98-97, 98-95, 97-96) to sticky infighter Hiroshi Yamamoto, also 117, 10.

Taguchi, 13-7-1 with nine kayoes, moved down to the 15-pound class after failing to win the Japanese bantamweight crown from Mitsuo Iamazato. Yamamoto is now 12-8-2 with five knockouts.

Masahiko Kubota, 112, outscored Koichi Shirakawa, also 112, six.

Token Promotions. Fuji TV.
(06-27-85)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Dethroned by ex-champ Mitsuo Imazato via a unanimous decision in Tokyo, former Japanese bantamweight champ Koichi Sugimoto, 122, gave a boxing lesson to Katsunori Nagamoto, 121½, winning a unanimous decision, 10.

Scoring: referee Nobumitsu Inukai, 98-96; judge Hiroshi Matsumoto, 98-96; judge Ryoji Kashiwagi, 98-94.

Former Japanese amateur star Akinobu Hiranaka, 137½, kayoed Naomi Fuji, also 137½, in 1:18 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Green Tsuda Promotions.
(06-30-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hard punching southpaw Tsuyoshi Hamada, 134¼, won the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation lightweight title with a majority decision over Filipino Jongjong Pacquing, 134¼, 12.

Jongjong kept on the defensive, but was knocked down by a right hook in round four. Hamada seemed to be on top in every round except the ninth, when Pacquing landed with short punches. Scoring: referee Young-Soo Chung (Korea), 120-111; judge Ken Morita (Japan), 119-112, both for Hamada; judge Vic Valdez (Philippines), 116-116. That last scorecard was jeered by the crowd.) Hamada is now 18-1 (and one no contest) with 17 knockouts.

The semi-final saw Japanese flyweight champ Shuichi Hozumi, 112, halt Takashi Sakakibara, also 112, at 2:53 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. It was Hozumi's sixth defense. The taller Sakakibara, with a record of 15-1 with four kayoes, attacked the champ well in the first three rounds. But Hozumi regained his pace, piling up points from the fourth round. The slick punching champ caught Takashi with a flurry of punches, and downed him to the ropes twice before referee Masakazu Uchida declared a halt.

Sakakibara became half unconscious in the dressing room and was hospitalized. He underwent a brain operation and his boxing career is now over.

Hozumi, the WBC's 13th ranked flyweight, is now 28-3 with eight kayoes.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.
(07-07-85)

▶**SAPPORO—Nakajima Sports Center**—Junichi Misawa, the JBC's third ranked junior lightweight at 137½, kayoed Tatsuzo Niiyama, 138¾, in 3:09 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Glass jawed Yuto Kazaki, 110¼, was TKO'd by Masaru Yoshimoto, also 110¼, at 2:44 of the eighth round in a supporting 10.
(07-09-85)

▶**OKINAWA—Ohnoyama Gymnasium**—Having won the national junior welterweight crown with a stunning kayo over Masahiro Tanabu, Katsunori Hokama, 139¾, made his first title defense. He demolished Chotaro Nagao, also 139¾, at 2:33 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Hokama, 7-1 with four kayoes, will have to defend his throne against ex-champ Tanabu in Tokyo. Nagao fell to 6-13 with four knockouts.

Mitsuo Hatano, the Japanese Commission's second ranked middleweight at 154, kayoed local favorite Kenji Chinen, 154½, in 2:12 of the second session in their scheduled 10.

The first 10 saw Mitsuru Arazaki, 118, polish off Hiroyuki Kato, also 118, at 0:54 of the fifth canto.
(07-13-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fast rising Mitsuru Sugiya, the Japanese Commission's top featherweight contender at 126¼, landed wicked straight rights to demolish Korean Yun-Sil Kim, also 126¾, at 2:05 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Sugiya thus improved his log to 15-1 with 10 kayoes.

Mexican Donaciano Escamilla, 130, TKO'd Hirofumi Minami, also 130, at 1:11 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10.

Unbeaten Eiji Kimura, the JBC's fourth ranked welterweight at 147, came off the canvas and flattened Shigeki Matsui, also 147, in 1:33 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Kimura, now 11-0-1 with nine kayoes, had better improve his defense.

Ex-amateur champ Keishi Tomonaga, 126, a southpaw, won a unanimous decision over Hitoshi Ito, 125½, eight.

World Sports Promotions.

TBS TV.
(07-15-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation junior featherweight champ Youn-Kap Choi, 122, retained his crown in his first defense by stopping Filipino champ Jun Tito, 121½, at 1:34 of the second round in a scheduled 12.

Choi is now 16-3 with seven kayoes. He is a tall boxer who outmaneuvered Japanese champ Takuya Muguruma to win the vacant OPBF crown.

In a companion 12, Tae-Il Chang, 115, survived two knockdowns and earned a decision over Filipino titlist Edel Geronimo, 114¾, to win the vacant OPBF junior bantamweight crown.

Geronimo dropped the Korean southpaw in rounds five and nine. But Chang cleverly outboxed the Filipino, piling up enough points to overcome the knockdowns.

Scoring: referee Vinicha Prasaya (Thailand), 116-113, Geronimo; judges Jose Lansang (Philippines), 116-114, and Jae-Keun Kim (Korea), 115-113—both for Tae-Il.

The newly crowned Chang is 14-2-1 with four kayoes. Geronimo fell to 22-1-3 with eight knockouts.

The first 10 saw Ki-Chang Kim, 113½, win the vacant Korean junior bantamweight crown by stopping Chong-Ho Shin, 114¼,

at 2:31 of the fifth round.
Palpal Promotions.
(06-01-85)

▶**SOOWAN—Soowan Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, the WBA's ninth ranked junior welterweight at 141¾, scored a one-punch kayo over Thai kingpin Thai Suracharern, also 141¾, in 0:39 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Lee, now 36-1 with 31 kayoes, caught the Thai champ with a smashing right hand to the face.
The loser is now 13-4-1 with 10 kayoes.
Sung-Ki Jin, the number two Korean welterweight at 148¾, outscored Kang-Chul Choi, 147½, 10.
Wonjin Promotions.
(06-02-85)

▶**YOWSOO—Yowsoo High School Gymnasium**—OPBF bantamweight titlist Ki-Youl Kang, 118, proved too powerful for Filipino challenger Hilbert Aragon, 117¾, flattening him in 1:20 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12.
Kang is now 13-2-1 with 11 kayoes. Aragon is 20-2-4 with eight knockouts.
Won-Kyung Kim, 128, decisioned Shin-Heung Lee, also 128, eight.
World Promotions.
(06-08-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—In an eliminator to decide a new Korean junior flyweight champ, Sung-Yun Kim, a perennial top contender at 108, disposed of Sang-In Chang, 107¼, at 2:22 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.
Kim is now 17-4 with 11 kayoes. Chang fell to 7-4-1 with two knockouts.
The first 10 saw Korean flyweight boss Rae-Ki Ahn, 111¾, stop Jae-Youn Lee, 111¾, at 0:25 of the ninth round to retain his title.
Hyundae Promotions.
(06-09-85)

▶**DANGJIN—Dangjin High School Gymnasium**—Korean middleweight champ Chong-Bae Chang, 159¼, successfully retained his title by outscoring Ki-Youl Lee, 160, the number two contender, 10.
Chang is now 7-4-2 with four kayoes.
Ilhwa Promotions.
(06-12-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having lost a very controversial decision to Victor Callejas in his quest for the WBA junior featherweight title in Puerto Rico, Seung-Hoon Lee, the WBC's sixth ranked contender at 123, shook up Filipino Pablo Pepito, 122¾, time and again failing to finish him but winning a unanimous decision, 10.
Lee, a tall boxer, is now 34-5 with 17 kayoes.
(06-22-85).

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Kang-Gu Park, 116¾, took on a lightly regarded Japanese rookie named Shunichi Nakajima, 116¼, and suffered an upset knockout in 2:38 of the third round in a scheduled 10.
Nakajima, now 6-0 with five kayoes, landed a wicked countering right, flooring the prohibitive favorite. Park got up, but went down for the count from his opponent's combinations. Park dropped to 11-2-1 with four knockouts.
Young-Un Park, 124¼, outpointed Japanese Kaoru Yoshioka, 123½, eight. Yoshioka landed a well-timed right to floor the Korean hope.
Palpal Promotions.
(06-29-85)

▶**PUSAN—Kudok Promotions**—IBF junior featherweight champ Ji-Won Kim, 122, fought a give-and-take battle with ex-titlist Bobby Berna, 122, before landing a very good right to knock him out in 1:09 of the fourth round in a scheduled 15.
It was a fight of southpaws. Kim, streaming blood from a gash over the right eyebrow, took the first two rounds. The third frame had the crowd on its collective feet. Kim hit the canvas from some light blows. Beating the count, Kim dropped the Filipino in return. The next session saw Kim land a lethal right hand to the jaw. Berna fell face first to the canvas, and was counted out by referee Abraham Pacheco. The judges were Luis Reyes (U.S.A.), Eduardo Velasco (Philippines), and Jae-Sung Lee (Korea).
Truly the Fight of the Month in Korea.
Ji-Won, a busy southpaw, bettered his record to 13-0-2 with five kayoes. Berna fell to 26-5-2 with 13 kayoes.
In the semi, Bong-Ho Choi, 122, barely retained his Korean junior featherweight crown. He was held to a draw by Jung-Taek Lee, the top contender at 121½, 10.
Choi is now 6-1-1 with three kayoes. Lee is 11-3-2 with nine knockouts.
Sangwon Promotions.
(06-28-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—IBF super middleweight champ Chong-Pal is now 39-3-1 with 34 knockouts. Curto fell to 54-7-3 with 21 kayoes.
Hang Paakr, 134¾, outscored Bong-Chun Park, also 134¾, 10.
Dong-A Promotions.
(06-30-85)

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PHILIPPINES

▶**KIAMBA, SOUTH COTABATO**—Tony Manulang, 130, fought to a split draw with Rey dela Cruz, also 130, 10.
Remy Estrata, promoter.
(05-01-85)

▶**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Rudy Casicas, the Games and Amusements Board's ninth ranked bantamweight at 120½, earned a majority decision over Abel Magracia, 119, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Former Filipino bantamweight champ Ernie Cataluna, 122, scored a TKO over Boy Abuela, 124, in the second round of their scheduled 10.
John Matienza, the GAB's second ranked bantie at 124, unanimously outscored Little Bangoyan, 121½, 10.
Bobby Castillo, 119½, eked out a split duke over Bert Gomez, 118, 10.
Paul Torres, 110½, stopped Henry Balina, 109, at 2:25 of the second session in another scheduled 10.
Boy Villa, 123, won a unanimous nod over Rey Villaflores, 122½, 10.
Jun Llano, 118, was a unanimous points winner over Willie Bernadas, 118, 10.
Felimon Vasquez, promoter.
Vedasto C. Adriano, GAB witness.
(05-03-85)

▶**MACABEBE, PAMAPANGA**—Romy Cunanan, 132, eked out a majority nod over Eddie Camero, 132, 10. Onofre Perez, referee. This was the only contest on the card.
Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
Vedasto C. Adriano and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(05-04-85)

▶**CALUMPANG, SOUTH COTABATO**—Carlos Parcia, 135, a fast rising lightweight rated second by the GAB, stopped Alex Abale, also 135, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Ricardo Mendez, promoter.
(05-04-85)

▶**KIAMBA, SOUTH COTABATO**—Sil Sarana, 145, defeated Hermie Villanueva, also 145, 10.
Flash Rockman, 122, lost to Eddie Amad, also 122, 10.
Jun Belimac, the GAB's ninth ranked 130-pounder at the limit, chalked up a fifth round TKO over Negs Daga, also 130, in the first 10.
Benjamin Aguirre, promoter.
(05-04-85)

▶**BALIWAG, BULACAN**—Filipino junior welterweight champ Cisco Ferrer, 145, proved too powerful for Archie Garcia, also 145, stopping him in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Manuel Salvacion, promoter.
(05-05-85)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Little Baguio, 108, scored a TKO over Edwin Inocencio, also 108, in the second round to win the Filipino junior flyweight title in a scheduled twelve. Onofre Perez, referee.
Joe Guevarra, 116, lost a unanimous decision to Jun Simbajon, also 116, 10.
Antonio Almirante, promoter.
(05-05-85)

▶**PRCI, STA. ANA MANILA**—Ariel Samson, 107, the GAB's seventh ranked junior flyweight, won a majority decision over Nick Dalisay, also 107, 10. Onofre Perez, referee.
Elmer Balayan, 131, unanimously decisioned Edgar Estacio, also 131, 10. Ex-world flyweight champ Erbito Salavarria refereed.
Roger Pilapil, 112, won from Ellyster Guevarra, also 112, 10.
Renato Magramo, 110, decisioned Ed Hemo, 109, six.
Richard Agbay, 125, TKO'd Romy Lamanoza, also 125, in six.
Aurelio Reyes, promoter.
Romulo Santiago and Voltarire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(05-06-85)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Former IBF junior featherweight champ Bobby Berna, 126, stopped Boy Negaro, 127, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Jun Arbas, 122, the GAB's number five junior feather, TKO'd Fel Malatag, also 122, in the sixth canto of the first 10.
Jesse Abrea, promoter.
(05-11-85)

▶**BALARA, QUEZON CITY**—Bert Lozano, 137, the GAB's sixth ranked lightweight, pounded out a unanimous decision over Lorenzo Nabuab, 134, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Tacy Macalos, 110, won from Steve Ponan, also 110, eight.
Boy Escarten, 126½, outscored Pablito Lazola, 125, six.
Sonny Altarejos, 109, decisioned Alex dela Rosa, 110, six.
Grego Garcia, promoter.
Vedasto Adriano and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(05-12-85)

▶**SAN CARLOS CITY, NEGROS OCC.**—Veteran campaigner Ric Barimbad, 113, lost a split duke to Rey Tarrosa, also 113, 10.
Rex Salud, promoter.
(05-12-85)

▶**BILAR, BOHOL**—Robinson Cabusao, 112, the GAB's top junior bantamweight contender TKO'd Nick Cabales, also 112, in the opening session of a scheduled 10.
Boy Romero, 135, was a TKO winner over Rolly Pugahan, 134, in the first round of the 10-round semi-final.
Eusebio Almario, promoter.
(05-14-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Dionisio Castillo, 141, the GAB's number two welterweight contender, struggled to win a majority decision over Lito Vasquez, 142, ten. Vic Valdez refereed.
Momong Manaay, 126, knocked out Jojo Cayson, 126, in 2:56 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.
Manaseh Base, 113, a veteran, gave a lesson to Tony Labrador, 113, winning a unanimous decision, 10.
Ronnie Vallescas, 108, won a split decision over Renato Magaramo, 110, 6.
Leo Ero, 117, won over Lion Collin, 115, 6.
Galorde Enterprises.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(05-15-85)

▶**MARULAS, VAL., METRO MANILA**—Anthony Paloso, 123, the GAB's third ranked junior featherweight, dropped an upset split decision to Rudy Grande, 121½, the number six contender, 10. Ver Abainza refereed.
Ed Adame, 112½, had his scheduled 10 with Edel Geronimo, 114, declared a tech draw in the second round due to the latter's accidental cut.
Ramon Medina, 114½, also began to bleed after an accidental butt, and was held to a technical draw with Flash Modesto, 115, in the second session of a scheduled six.
Epifanio Catabas, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(05-18-85)

▶**DAVAO CITY—CYO Gym**—Ric Barimbad, 116, the GAB's ninth ranked flyweight, eked out a split decision over Gil Ragas, also 116, 10.
Fernando Carupo, 113, dropped a unanimous decision to Al Tan Lee, also 113, 10.
Cris Ladera, 143, was held to a majority draw by Sil Arcillas, also 143, 10.
Rodrigo Entero, promoter.
(05-18-85)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—B.C.F. Gym**—Constancio Dangla, 114, outpointed Tito Gregorio, 112¾, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Ric Bajelot, 113½, won a majority decision over Ramon Chan, 114, 10.
Little Balsigan, 133¾, won a unanimous decision over Nestor Tachado, 132, 10.
Romulo Ogutmas, 141¾, TKO'd Jun Salvador, 145, at 1:35 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.
Leonardo Calmona, 133, stopped Joe Ruiz, 133, at 2:44 of the fifth session in a scheduled six.
Lorenzo Pilando, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(05-18-85)

▶**BAROY, LANAO DEL NORTE**—Flash Ursus, 130, the GAB's top junior lightweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Ernie Nadal, 131, 10.
Roberto Yabut, promoter.
(05-18-85)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Ruben dela Cruz, 114½, retained his Filipino junior bantamweight crown by stopping Loremer Pontino, also 114½, in the ninth round of a scheduled 12.
Freddie Panerio, 130, unanimously decisioned Nick Caputol, also 130, 10.
Edwin Projo, 112, the GAB's fifth ranked junior flyweight, scored a second round TKO over Kin Kanashiro, also 112, in a scheduled 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(05-18-85)

▶**CALAUAG, QUEZON CITY**—Edgar Estacio, 130, was awarded a majority decision over Ben Samson, 131, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Ellyser Guevarra, 112, decisioned Lou Marbe, Jr., also 112, 10.
Capino, Jr., 116½, won over Gil Lucban, 116, by a disqualification in the third session of a scheduled eight.
Rodolfo Inofre, promoter.
Dr. Jovencio Cruz, GAB witness.
(05-23-85)

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▶**BAGUIO CITY—B.C.F. Gym**—Alberto Saxon, 134, the GAB's number four lightweight eked out a split decision over Lito Pena, 133, 10.

Former WBC flyweight champ Frank Cedeno, 118, stopped Lito Zarda, 123, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Andy Saxon, 130, won a majority decision over Nilo Alamag, 129, 10.

Diego Lebante, 128, stopped Bernabe Aliping, 128, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Carlos Castigador, 128, narrowly decisioned Elmer Pendog, 133, six.

Raffy Panagan, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(05-26-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Flash Emmanuel, 118, the GAB's fourth ranked bantamweight, stopped ex-OPBF champ William Develos, 117, at 2:10 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Louie Espinosa, 112, the GAB's fifth ranked flyweight, won a unanimous decision over Roger Pilapil, 111½, 10.

Tacy Macalos, 108½, outpointed Tito Abella, 111, 10.

Sugar Rey Adonis, 131, decisioned Lorenzo Nabuab, 131, eight.

Louie Gonzales, 111, won from Capino Jr., 113, eight.

Galorde Enterprises.

Vedasto C. Adriano and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, 118, the Thai Commission's top junior bantamweight contender, stopped Kaopongnoi S. Thaveerat, 115, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Surasith, the OPBF's number six 115-pounder, is now 19-2 with nine kayoes.

(06-01-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Nongbird Naphataya, 114, the Thai flyweight titlist, won a unanimous decision over Chatromongkol Thairungraung, 113, six.

(06-04-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Khakoldej Singrungrong, 114, the TBC's seventh ranked flyweight, lost an upset decision to Thanomsak Singbo-bey, 113, six. Thanomsak, a fast veteran *Muay-Thai* (national kick boxing) fighter, was making his "international style" debut.

(06-10-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakdichai kiatsontaya, 117, knocked out Chokthavee Chorkarnchang, 118, the TBC's number eight bantamweight, in the fourthh round of a scheduled six.

(06-12-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai, 110, the Thai top junior flyweight contender, was outscored by Kwanjai Sorpengpis, the ex-titlist, also 110, eight.

Kongkrung, the favorite, suffered a cuyt over the left optic.

(06-13-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yingyai Petchvichan, 118, the top Thai junior featherweight contender from the Chitalada Camp, won an easy decision over unknown Samart Kruthavut, 128, six.

Klairung Sithpayak, 110, former Thai mini-flyweight champ, demolished Suradech Laudaryuthaya, 108, in the second session in a schheduled six.

(06-15-85)

▶**BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Kongtranee Payakaroon, 118, in his third international style fight, knocked out Viboon Kiatsoros, 117, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Kongtranee, now 3-0 with one kayo, decisioned ex-WBC super flyweight kingpin Payao Poontarat in his second pro bout.

(06-16-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Yuenyong Sithparasong, 116, the number one Thai flyweight contender, polished off Charramongkol Thairungraung, 113, in the second round of a scheduled eight.

(06-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downmai Sithkodom, 121, the TBC's fourth ranked junior bantam, won a unanimous decision over Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 123, six. Dull fight.

(06-23-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana, 135, retained his national crown lefty Danchai Yuthakit, 135, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

(06-24-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, 116, the top Thai bantamweight contender, scored a fifth round kayo over Suriya Pratumvadee, 115, in a scheduled six.

(06-25-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai lightweight titlist Sak Galaxy, 131, halted Kwanchai Sorsinanta, 129, in the third round of a scheduled six-round non-title bout.

(06-26-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—This had been criticized as a mismatch, as the champ had defeated the challenger—decisively—in a non-title bout.

But boxing is an interesting sport. Thai mini-flyweight kingpin Thavat Kiatpongchinda, 104, floored Patt Ohyuthanakorn, 103, for a count of nine, but went down for the count in the first round of a scheduled 10. No one had expected Patt to win the title. It was the Upset of the Month.

(06-28-85)

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PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian junior featherweight champion Mark Cribb, 130, scored a convincing points win over Percy Israel, 130, in the main event 10. Referee Alan Moore scored it 100-92, judge Steve Scott 99-95, and judge Ed Francis 98-94. Israel could not keep Cribb away.

In another 10, Musa Sione, 139, clearly outpointed smart boxer Brian Roberts, 139. Sione pressured Roberts all the way to take the decision, 100-92, 100-95, 98-93. Entertaining bout.

Spaniard Aaron Don Carlos, who made his Brisbane debut as Aron Heriques some weeks earlier, scoring a 17-second win, was promoted to a 10 on this night against Ronald Doo. The jump was too high. Doo outclassed Carlos, who surrendered in round three. Each scaled 140.

Over four rounds, Shane Spencer, 137, outpointed Keith Arnold, 143. Tough contest.

(05-13-85)

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Queensland's Geoff Kanofsky, 158½, and Western Australian Lou Cafaro, 156½, met over 10 rounds, and it was a case of an irresistible force meeting an immovable body. These two are fighters, not boxers. They blasted hell out of each other, and Cafaro found that his K.O. punch did not count that much with tough Kanofski. Referee Alan Moore rescued Cafaro in round nine.

Both fighters were cut around the eyes. Cafaro also had a broken nose and a damaged hand. Kanofski had a couple of cracked ribs and a damaged hand.

In another 10, Ronald Doo, 144, halted Peter Sierota, also 144, in round eight. Sierota was not ready for Doo. Referee Denzil Creed stopped the contest.

Over eight rounds, Shane Spencer, 132, outpointed Keith Arnold, 142. Split decision. Willing fight.

(05-27-85)

▶**MANSFIELD—Tavern**—Johnny Fooks, 134¼, drew with Western Australian Carl Zappia, 133½, over 10 good rounds. Voting was 97-96, Zappia; 99-98, Fooks; 96-96.

In an eight-rounder, Graeme Jeffries, 140¼, halted Keith Arnold, 143¼, in round six. Jeffries boxed calmly throughout, countering the aggressive Arnold. It was all Jeffries in round six and Arnold's corner withdrew him at the end of the frame.

Gary Tomlinson, 157, outpointed New South Welshman Ivan Colusso, 154, six. Tomlinson decked Colusso in round two. Clear win, though Colusso fought gamely.

In another six, Roy Saunders, 129¼, scored a points decision over Greg Locke, 130. Not much in it.

(06-03-85)

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Fast punching Dale Artango, 136½, met New Zealand champion David Stowers, 144, over 10 but, after Stowers decked Artango in round one, he went weak. Artango took charge in round two. At the end of the third, Stowers followed Artango to Dale's corner, grabbed his wrist and raised his hand. Stowers refused to leave his corner at the start of round four. Did not go over well with the crowd.

Ronald Doo, 146, stopped Fijian Joe Nakui, also 146, in round four of a scheduled 10. Nakui was outclassed and referee Denzil Creed stopped it.

In another set 10, Wayne Ah Wong, 134, gave an attractive display to halt aggressive Shane Spencer, 131, in seven. Spencer was decked in rounds two and four. Spencer fought back but was being punished when referee Alan Moore stopped it.

(06-07-85)

▶**MT. ISA**—Jim Gillon, using the name The Fighting Hippie, stopped Jake Williams in the last round of a 10, middleweights.

(06-09-85)

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Dale Artango, 139, was too fast and hit too often for Musa Sione, 139, in their 10-rounder for the vacant Queensland State junior welterweight title. Referee stopped the contest on request of Sione's chief second, Reg Layton, at the end of round eight. Good fight to watch, with boxer versus fighter. Boxer won.

Australian cruiserweight champion Keven Wagstaff, 175, outpointed Johnny Taupau, 185, who has been campaigning in Australia from New Zealand (as has Musa Sione), 10. Wagstaff was down in round four. Willing enough but not classy. Unanimous decision.

Russell Finn, 128½, stopped Wayne Ah Wong, 130½, at the end of round eight on a cut eye. Finn was ahead on points. Scheduled for 10.

Over four rounds, Mike Slivka, 134, outpointed Aron Don Carlos, 142, who has found his level.

(07-01-85)

▶**CHANDLER—Sleeman's Centre**—Australian welterweight champion Brian Janssen, 148¾, met former British welter champion Kirkland Laing, 147, over 10 rounds. This one had a controversial ending.

Laing, a smart boxer with a good defense, exasperated Janssen early but the Australian champion got on top in round four. In round five, Laing went down. Appeared to be a slip but could have been a knockdown. Janssen followed through with a punch to the head while Laing was on the floor. Could have been a reflex action, but was it?

Laing got up, then lay down again. Referee Denzil Creed told him to get up or he would lose by a knockout. Denzil sure gave Laing a long time—between two and three minutes. Laing made no effort to get off the floor though he was fully conscious. Creed then crowned Janssen winner by a K.O.

Laing's manager complained bitterly. Janssen, annoyed, said he would fight Laing again at any time. Bitter feeling.

Norm Stevens, 134½, met Billy Facer, 140½, over 10, but ended it in round nine. Denzil Creed stopped it as Facer went down for the second time in that round.

Papua New Guinea warrior Tiger Mann, 131½, outpointed Johnny Fooks, 137¼, in a freeswinging eight-rounder.

In another eight, Graeme Jeffries, 141, outpointed veteran Lou Hurst, 147¾.

Over six rounds, Gary Tomlinson, 158¾, outpointed Noel Thornberry, 159½. Hard fight.

In another six, Roy Saunders, 123½, drew with Shane Fooks, 116¾. Good bout.

(07-05-85)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**DOLLS POINT—Georges River Sailing Club**—Australian and Commonwealth junior middleweight champion Ken Salisbury, 158¾, did not lose a round in outpointing aggressive John Siriotis, 151, of Darwin, Northern Territory. But it was an exciting battle that drew a shower of notes and coins from ringsiders amounting to $123. Siriotis is one fighter who does not let up until the bell rings. Really a thriller.

Salisbury went to England following that bout and defended his Commonwealth crown against Nick Wilshire. Ken lost his title when the fight was stopped at the end of the second round; he had a badly cut eye. Salisbury, always a slow starter, wants a return bout and his manager, Bernie Hall, has written to the Commonwealth Championships Committee with a challenge to Wilshire. Ray Clarke, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, advised Hall to challenge Wilshire to a return. This was Ken's first loss in 32 pro fights.

Back to the Salisbury-Siriotis program: Rudy Darno, 200½, clearly outpointed Samoan Tua Sagana, 189½, six. Darno, cool, outboxed the eager Samoan.

Gary Clark, former amateur, having his second pro bout, ended the career of Sparrow Freeman by stopping him in the first round of a six. Clark scaled 125¾, Freeman 128. Sparrow announced his retirement some days later. He had around 100 amateur fights, then turned pro in February 1978. He had 155 paid bouts in only seven years three months. Sparrow always entertained his fans, almost all of his contests being showered with money.

Mike Karaitiana, 156½, a Maori, gave local Robbie Hitchenson, 167½, plenty of trouble in their four-rounder. Verdict was a draw.

In another four, Henry Bannock, 172, met a newcomer bearing the name The Caveman, 169¾. Complete with long hair, moustache that drooped, tattoos, and southpaw stance, he might have been better matched with an opponent named Dino Saur (if such could be found). Bannock outclassed him, and referee Mick Dunningham stopped it at the end of round one.

(05-17-85)

▶**KANWAL—Wyong Rugby League Football Club**—Former amateur champion Dean Waters turned pro on this night and met veteran Ray Wheatley. Billed for 10, it ended in 61 seconds of round one with Waters victorious. Countout. Waters scaled 220½, Wheatley 209½.

Only one other contest on the program. Mick Ambrose, 174, halted Nooky Curyer, 163, in round six of a scheduled eight, a cut eye bringing the end.

▶**MOORE PARK—Hordern Pavilion, Sydney Showground**—IBF world bantamweight champion Jeff Fenech, Sydney's local boy, ran his pro record to eight K.O. wins in eight fights when he stopped Filipino John Matienza in round six. Referee Paul Moore stopped it as Matienza hit the deck for the third time in the round. Non-title.

Matienza gave a good display of boxing while he was in there, but he did not win a round. Fenech scaled 121½, Matienza 123¾.

Rodney Bowman, 125½, boxed well and very fast against aggressive Marty Feighan, 127, in their 10-round support, but Marty got through in round nine and decked Bowman. However, Bowman got up, went on with the business and won the fight well on points.

In another 10, two fast boxers met—Norm Stevens and Brian Roberts. Stevens, 134, won a split decision. Roberts was 133. Entertaining. Good to watch.

Roy Bijkerk, 197, outpointed Tiger Homa, 187, eight. Homa used to box as Fulu Atti. He is a Samoan.

Tony Fotia, 150½, made a comeback after four and a half years, to outpoint busy Miguel Pimentel, 153, four.

(06-14-85)

▶**CASTLE HILL—RSL Club**—Glenn Collis, 147,outpointed Glenn Hillier, 144¾, 10. Good fight. The whole program was good.

Charlie Lewis, 132¼, outpointed Paul Josephs, 135½, six.

John Carlo Dabbene, the NSW State flyweight champion, took part in a four-rounder opposed to newcomer Darren Jenkins. Dabbene was too good but Jenkins fought hard. Dabeene scaled 116¾, Jenkins 122¼.

In another four, Les Mathers, 157½, outpointed Dino Billinghurst, 150. Clear win.

Smiley West, 132¼, outpointed Mario Chrisafulli, 127¾, over four rounds.

In a three-rounder, Robert Newton, 150, stopped Johnny Hunt, 161, in the final heat.

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▶**BRAYBROOK—Hotel**—Former amateur champion Rodney Bowman is doing well as a pro. In the headliner here, he outpointed Western Australian Carl Zappia over 10 fast rounds. Bowman weighed in at 125¾, Zappia 131¼. Decision was clear cut—100-91, 97-93, 100-91.

Kevin Hargraves, 163¼, halted Ken Banks, 154½, in round two of a scheduled six.

Shorty Roberts, 128, stopped Lance Mendola, 131¼, in round five of a six.

Two three-rounders: Trevor Keegan, 152¼, outpointed Charlie Clarke, 158¾; Pat Mudford, 134½, outpointed Richard Corrigan, 132¼.
(05-15-85)

▶**KILMORE—Memorial Hall**—Peter Clay, 173, outpointed Joe Burruni, 167½, over 10 interesting rounds. Scores were 98-93, 98-95, 96-94, all for Clay. But Burruni always gives action.

Four four-rounders: Joe Nakui, 152¼, drew with Trevor Keegan, 154½; Shane Cameron, 121¼, outpointed Phil Neiwand, 128; Pat Mudford, 134½, KO 3 Dan McMurray, 139; Kevin Prodramus, 156½, outpointed Barkam Karman, 156½.

Over three rounds, Tommy Mangan, 130, outpointed Richard Corrigan, 132¼.
(06-01-85)

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Tony (Mad Dog) Miller, 130, retained his unbeaten record in winning the vacant Australasian junior lightweight title by stopping Tiger Mann, 128, Papua New Guinea, in round four. Miller already held the Australian title in that division, so he now holds two crowns.

Referee Gus Mercurio stopped the contest as Mann was being punished. Mann was only floored once but was offering little resistance when Gus rescued him.

Over eight rounds, Robbie Nava, 148¾, outpointed veteran Lou Hurst, 152¼. Clear win.

Stan Bogovic, unbeaten, made a comeback after nearly two and a half years to win on points over Tuna Wilson in a six-rounder. Bogovic, former amateur light heavyweight champion of Australia, scaled 195; Wilson weighed in at 193.

In another six, Paul James, 163, outpointed Kevin Hargraves, 165½. James has seven wins, no losses, to date. He won clearly.

Shane Rank, 140, stopped Brad Butler, 143¼, in round two of a six, a closed eye bringing the stoppage.

There were two scheduled four-rounders. Nick Hatzil, 142¼, stopped Ray Scrivano, 141, in round three. Hatzil well on top. Charlie Clarke, 158¾, stopped Kevin Prodramus, 154¼, in round two, the stoppage coming after Kevin hit the deck for the second time in the round.
(06-09-85)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Function Centre**—Australian junior featherweight champion Mark Cribb, 130, was too good for Ron Smith, 132, who holds the featherweight championship of this State. Cribb was in charge all the way, outboxing Smith. Referee Bill Ivory applied a standing count over Smith on two occasions in round five. There was another count in round seven. Then Ivory stopped it and crowned Cribb—same round.

WA State light heavy champion Alan Black, 176¼, had to pick himself off the floor against Victorian Brendan Dempsey, 174, but won on points, eight rounds.

Over six rounds Lorne Lehman, 134½, outpointed John Princiotto, 138¼.

Also over six, Harvey Coyne, 117, outpointed Claude Dellabonna, 116.

Derek Arnold, 147¾, stopped Marlon Miller, 143¼, in round three of a scheduled four.
(06-11-85)

▶**NOTES**—Ken Brady, real name Bradbury, former heavyweight champion of Australia, died suddenly at a luncheon in Melbourne. He was two months short of his 52nd birthday. At the time of his death, he was a member of the inaugural Victorian Boxing Council Board.

Ken was born in England but lived most of his life in Australia. After he finished his career as a boxer, he became a referee and judge but dropped those duties on being appointed to the BCB. He was a big man and appeared healthy.

In Sydney, Reg Woodley died on May 15. His real name was Woodleigh. He was 75. Reg boxed professionally from 1925 to 1932 and had 81 wins in 87 contests. Later, he became a trainer, manager, promoter, and referee. A very popular gentleman.

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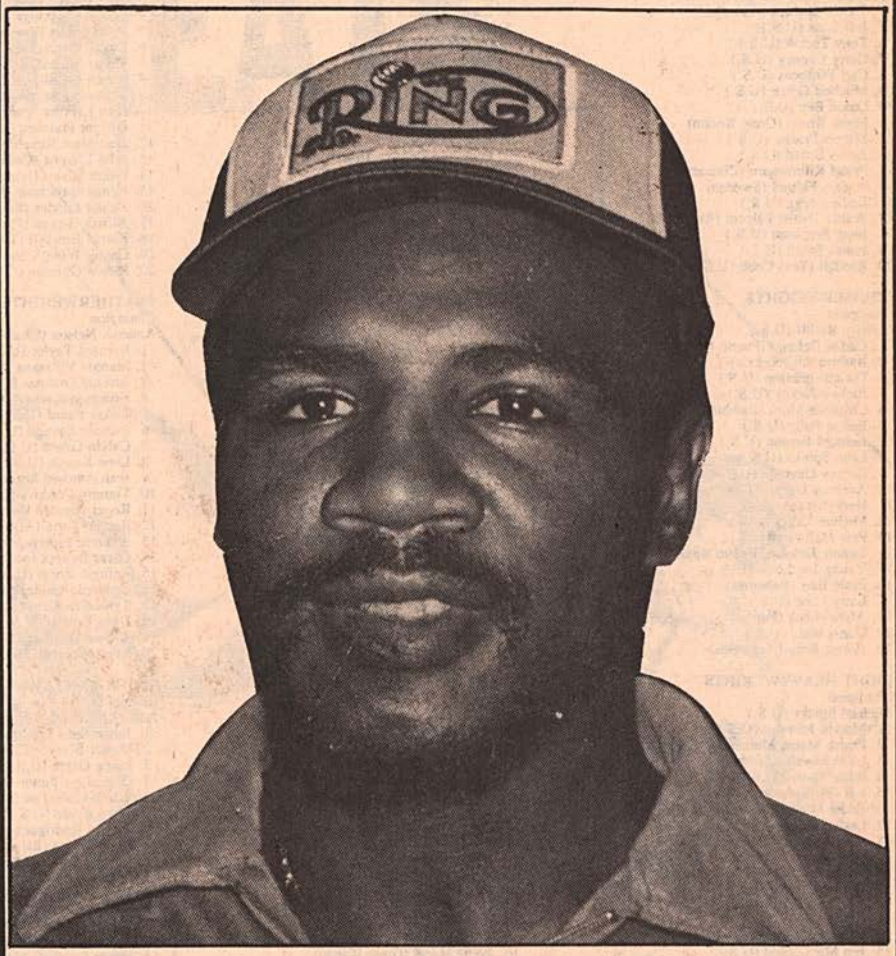

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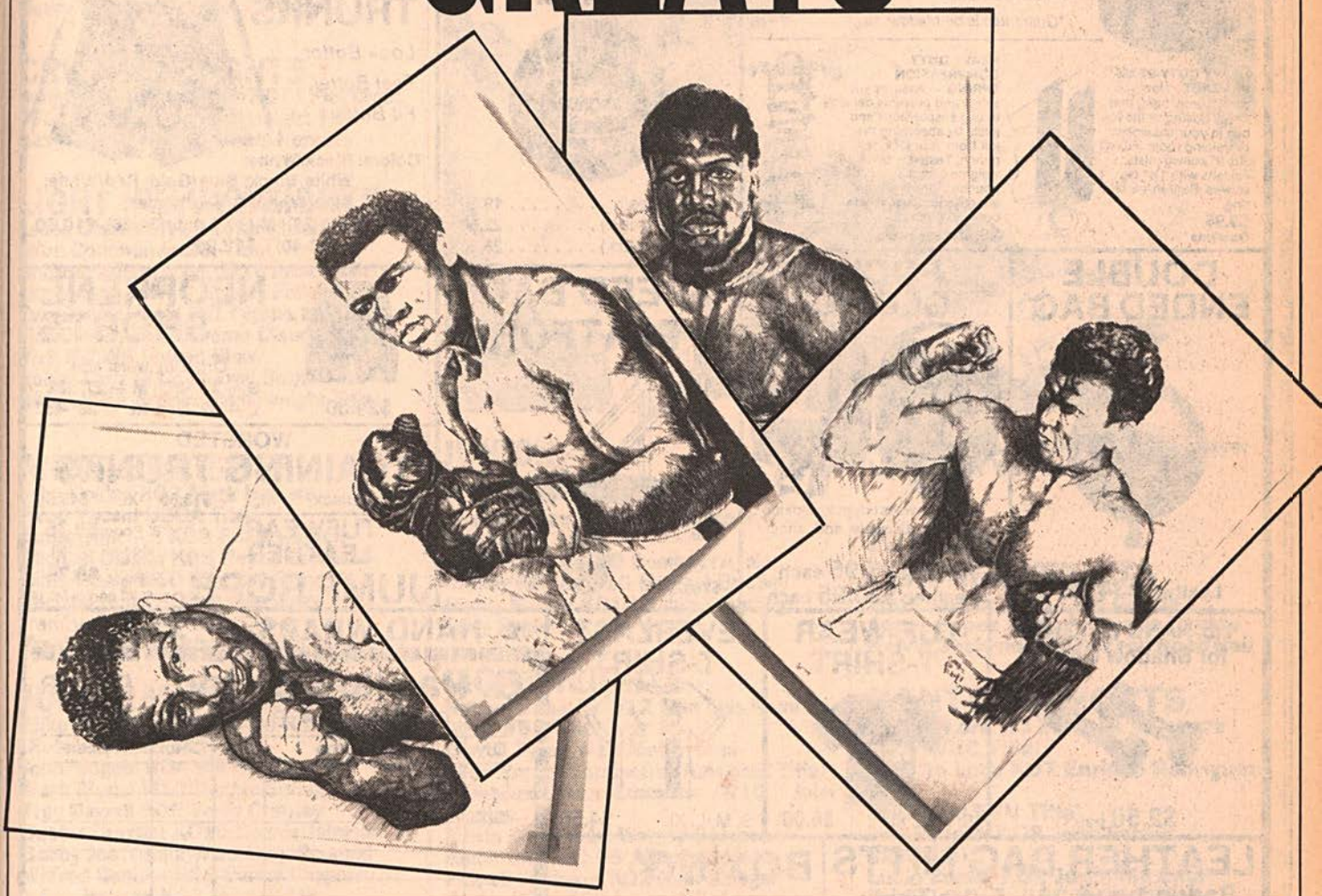

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Larry Alexander W10 Larry Frazier
Francesco Damiani KO1 Rick Kellar
Piet Coetzer KO6 David Jaco
Willie deWit KO3 Earl Lewis
Ron Ellis KO3 Barry Ellis
Henry Tillman KO2 Larry Phelps

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Dwight Muhammad Qawi KO11 Piet Crous
(Won WBA Junior Heavyweight Title
Kevin Wagstaff KO1 Denis Roberts

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Leslie Stewart W12 Lotte Mwale
(Won Commonwealth Title)
Anthony Witherspoon W10 James Salerno
Lionel Byarm W10 Robert Folley
Evander Holyfield W8 Tyrone Booze
Tim Broady KO2 Jerome Clouden
Vigil Hill W6 Dawud Shaw
Bobby Czyz W12 Murray Sutherland
(Won USBA Super Middleweight Title)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
John Collins KO2 Mark Holmes
(Won Vacant USBA Title)
James Kinchen KO8 Frank Minton
Michael Olajide KO5 Reyes Escalera
Mike Tinley W10 Ray Ray Gray
Michael Nunn KO3 James Waire
Iran Barkley KO3 Billy Lee
Frank Tate W6 Thomas Smith

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Mike McCallum KO8 David Braxton
(Retained WBC Title)
John Mugabi KO4 Bill Bradley
Mark Medal W10 Dexter Smith
Troy Darrell KO5 Terry Crawley
Buster Drayton KO10 Dennis Johnson
Bobby Joe Young W10 Gary Reomild
Wilfred Benitez KO6 Danny Chapman
Julian Jackson KO3 Jose Padilla

WELTERWEIGHTS
Milton McCrory KO3 Carlos Trujillo
(Retained WBC Title)
Maurice Blocker W12 Pedro Vilella
(Won NABF Title)
Marlon Starling W10 Reggie Miller
Simon Brown KO1 Randy Mitchum
Mark Breland KO1 Don Shiver
Robert Rucker W10 Milton Guest
Harold Volbrecht KO6 Fernando Escalera
Shawn O'Sullivan W8 Alphonso Long
Donnie Poole KO10 Ricky Anderson
(Won Canadian Title)

Olympic gold medalist Jerry Page (right) got off to a good start as a pro, knocking out Jim Vozar 2:55 into the first round in Akron.

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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Ubaldo Sacco KO9 Gene Hatcher
(Won WBA Title)
Brian Baronet KO9 Domingo Ayala
Harvey Hester W10 Michael Bradley
Buddy McGirt KO10 Ralph Twinning
Jerry Page KO1 Jim Vozar

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Hector Camacho W12 Jose Luis Ramirez
(Won WBC Title)
Darryll Tyson W12 Melvin Paul
(Won Vacant Continental Americas Title)
Cornelius Boza-Edwards W10 John Montes
Edwin Curet W10 Watusy DeJesus
Remo DiCarlo KO9 Alberto Collazo
Pernell Whitaker KO2 John Sinegal
Raphe Sims KO2 Jorge Valladares
Roque Montoya W10 Roberto Lindo
Meldrick Taylor W6 Roberto Medina

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Barry Michael W15 Lester Ellis
(Won IBF Title)
Tony Pep W12 Carlton Sparrow
Darrell Savoy W12 Bryan Rogers
(Won Vacant Louisiana Title)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Richard Savage W10 Jose Vidal Concepcion
Rocky Fernandez KO1 Angel Levi Mayor
Lupe Suarez W10 Rocky Garcia

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Loris Stecca KO5 Cleo Garcia
Aaron Lopez W10 Armando Ugalde
Kelvin Seabrooks KO2 Fred Reed Hall

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Miguel Lora W12 Daniel Zaragoza
(Won WBC Title)
Ciro De Luca KO7 Enrique Rodriguez Cal
(Retained EBU Title)
Jeff Fenech KO9 John Farrell
(non-title)
Lucio Lopez KO7 Jorge Miranda
Kaosai Galaxy KO5 Rafael Orono
(Retained WBA Jr. Bantam Title)

FLYWEIGHTS
Soon-Chun Kwon D15 Chong-Kwan Chung
(Retained IBF Title)
Joey Olivo W15 Choi Mun Jin
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Jung-Koo Chang W12 Francisco Montiel
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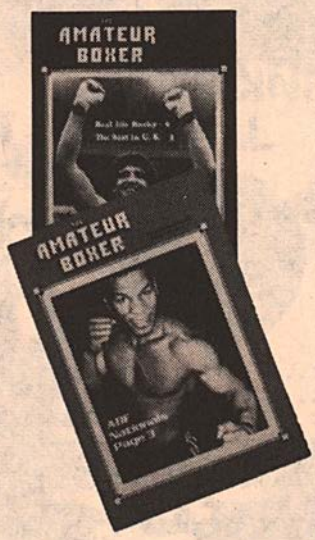

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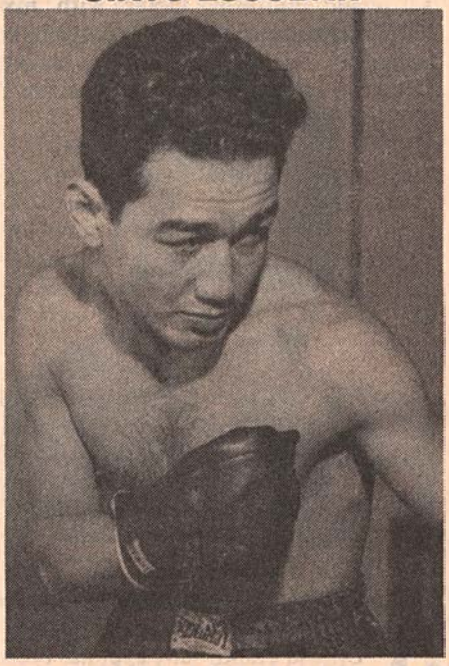
SIXTO ESCOBAR, ONE OF THE BEST known bantamweights of the 1930s, was born in Barcelona, Puerto Rico, on March 23, 1913. He started boxing professionally in 1931, all of his early contests being held in Puerto Rico or Venezuela. On May 7, 1934, he fought his first bout in the United States, stopping Bobby Leitham in the seventh round in Holyoke, Mass. Sixto then defeated Joey Archibald in 10 frames and, on June 26, 1934, faced Baby Casanova in Montreal for the vacant National Boxing Association 118-pound title. Escobar won via a ninth round knockout.

Sixto's manager, Lew Brix, brought him to New York in 1935 and, after a few bouts, he lost the crown to Lou Salica over 15 rounds on August 26th. On November 15 of the same year, Escobar regained the title by outpointing Salica in the same ring. The following year, 1936, saw Sixto win undisputed recognition as world bantamweight champion by halting Tony Marino after 13 rounds in the Dyckman Oval, Bronx, New York, on August 31st. On September 23, 1937, Sixto lost his crown to Harry Jeffra on the famous Carnival of Champions card in New York's Polo Grounds. Escobar regained the title from Jeffra in a return bout in 1938 in San Juan, P.R. After one successful defense, against Kayo Morgan, and a few non-title fights, Escobar went west to meet Tony Olivera in Oakland, Calif. on October 4, 1939—a 10-rounder that saw young Tony press the champ and beat him in a hard fought bout.

Sixto, who was having trouble making 118, then decided to vacate his title. His last fight was on December 2, 1940, when he lost a 10-round duke to his old foe, Henry Jeffra, in Baltimore. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Escobar returned to his old homeland, Puerto Rico, where he lived quietly until his death on November 17, 1979.

SIXTO ESCOBAR



THE WYOMING VALLEY BOXING HALL of Fame honored three men at its Second Annual Awards Dinner this past April 19th at the Wilkes-Barre, Pa. American Legion Post (#132). Those who received awards were Neil Miller, the late Bill Speary, and Jim McCarthy. Miller fought as a pro in the '40s and early '50s; Speary was a fine amateur and pro boxer in the '40s; McCarthy, a former radio sportscaster, was saluted for his 55 years in the business as a "friend to boxing."

IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., MAY 23rd, former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali attended a black tie dinner given in his honor by the World Boxing Council at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. President Jose Sulaiman presented Ali with the WBC's Lifetime Achievement Award.

CHARLOTTE WHITE, SISTER OF former world champ Harold Johnson and her husband, former middleweight Ike White, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 29th. Congratulations to both.

JIMMY GRIPPO, WHO MANAGED former light heavyweight champion Melio Bettina, is now a resident manager at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Grippo is also a famous magician and card trick specialist. A recent "Cardition Challenge" at Caesar's Palace was won by card trick specialist Daryl Martinez, who received $1,250 in cash as well as the Jimmy Grippo Trophy. The show was held in honor of Grippo.

FORMER LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION Beau Jack was presented with the key to the city of Miami Beach by VBA Ring 31 president Irv Abramson at a recent meeting in South Florida. Jack also received a 1940 copy of *The Ring*, featuring his picture on the cover. Barbara Buttrick, secretary/treasurer, made the presentation.

STU KAUFMAN, A MEMBER OF RING 31, recently held the grand opening of his new gymnasium, located at 616 N.E. Eighth Street in Hallandale, Fla., opposite the Hollywood Dog Track on Federal Highway. Stu has engaged Beau Jack as the official trainer.

BEA GOLDSTEIN, WIDOW OF FORMER Ring 31 president Ruby Goldstein, expressed her thanks to the members for establishing an award in Ruby's memory. The award will be given to a deserving recipient at the club's next installation dinner.

The Final Bell

Members of Ring 101 (Baltimore) were saddened by the deaths of five of their members: past president and founder Vince Cala, Lawrence Gunn, Sammy LaPorte, Mickey O'Donnell, and Young Raspi.

Harry (Kid) Brown, 84, recently died in Atlantic City. Brown fought Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Dundee, Jackie Fields, and Baby Joe Gans, among others . . . Babe Ramos, 75, former middleweight of Syracuse, was an inspector with the New York State Athletic Commission until his recent death. Babe leaves his wife, Edith, three sons, and a brother, John, organizer and first president of IVBA Ring 76, Syracuse.

Rest in peace. □

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ASK THE STARS

Ring Magazine's indefatigable editors track down the biggest V.I.P.s in boxing to get answers to readers' provocative questions. If you have a query for a fighter, manager, promoter or anyone in the fight game, write:

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FOR JERSEY JOE WALCOTT
Former world heavyweight champion

Q All the accounts I have read about your 1947 fight with Joe Louis say you were robbed. Did Louis ever tell you what he thought about the decision?
J.S., WASHINGTON, D.C.

A **After the decision, I remember him walking over to me, taking my hand and saying, "I'm sorry, Joe." So I guess he knew it was a bad call.**

FOR LARRY HOLMES
World Heavyweight Champion

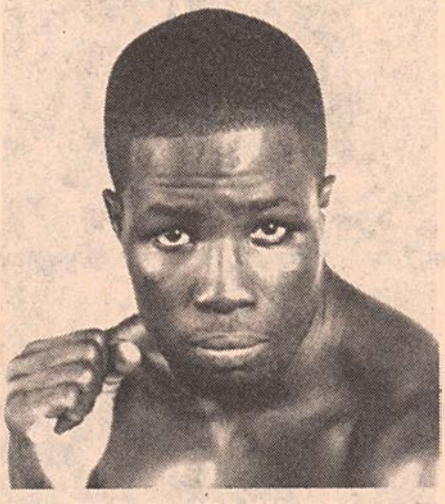
Q Now that Gerry Cooney has announced his retirement, do you have any final thoughts about your former opponent?
R.S., BRONX, N.Y.

A **He's doing the right thing. The way he was going, in and out of the gym, he was gonna get hurt.**

FOR BARRY McGUIGAN
WBA featherweight champion

Q Do you think you have reached your peak as a fighter?
F.K., BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

A **No, I don't think I've reached my full potential. I have a lot more to learn. The Pedroza fight taught me the value of patience. But I must really work on being more polished, more accurate, and finishing better with my main punches.**



FOR JAMES SHULER
Middleweight contender

Q Do you think your career has been hampered by the fact that you never got the chance to box in the 1980 Olympics because of the U.S. boycott?
S.C., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A **Not going to the Olympics was a letdown. I knew I wasn't going to get the kind of money Sugar Ray Leonard got after he won the gold in 1976. But it really struck home after the '80 Olympics. I saw what Mark Breland and the rest of them signed for and it really got to me. I don't know why they make such a fuss about Breland. I accomplished everything he has and more.**

FOR COLIN JONES
Welterweight contender

Q I read that you are making one last run at the welterweight title. After the beating Donald Curry handed you, why bother?
W.P., LONDON, ENGLAND

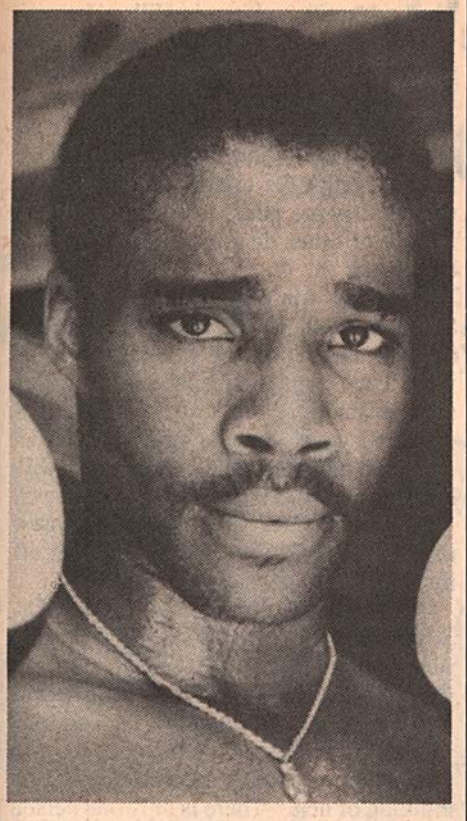
A **The Curry fight was a bitter disappointment. I had prepared so long and it was over so quickly. I couldn't show the people what I had. I never had bad luck in the rest of my career—when I had bad luck it had to be on the big night.**

FOR THOMAS "HIT MAN" HEARNS
WBC junior middleweight champion

Q Before you lost to Marvin Hagler, you said your dream was to win titles in four different weight divisions. Have you given up on that dream?
C.H., NEW YORK, N.Y.

A **The dream is by no means over. I'm still young and I have a lot of good boxing in me. I'm not giving up. I lost to Hagler but I think I just fought the wrong fight. I got caught up in all the hype surrounding the fight and tried to punch it out with Marvin and that was a mistake.**

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION



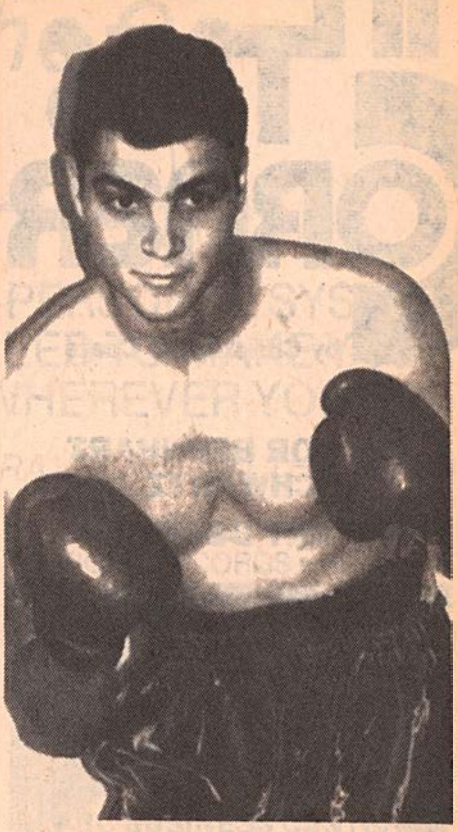
MICHAEL NUNN RATES THE MIDDLEWEIGHTS

RECENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME loud rumblings detected in the California Valley region. No, the cause has not been seismological. They come from the thunderous fists of Sherman Oaks middleweight prospect Michael Nunn, who is currently 7-0 (all knockouts) as a professional . . . Southpaw Nunn, 21, started boxing when he was 13. As an amateur, Nunn's credentials were nothing short of sensational. He was an alternate on the 1984 U.S. Olympics team, compiling an overall amateur log of 168-8. Among his victims were Frank Tate, Virgil Hill, Louis Howard, Michael Grogan and Ron Essett . . . Michael turned pro in December of '84 under the banner of the Ten Goose Boxing Club. He is managed by Dan Goossen and trained by Joe Goossen . . . Although he has yet to fight outside of California and Nevada, a number of Nunn's pro bouts have been televised over the ESPN cable, including his impressive second round TKO over fellow prospect Larry Davis . . . Nunn is currently working on improving his balance and leverage, two areas once considered chinks in his armor . . . When not in training, Michael's hobbies include basketball and movies. He is also planning to attend college this fall. A father of two (''Little'' Mike and La Shanta), Nunn feels he is about a year and a half away from the middleweight title, and wants the 160-pound division to know that: ''Michael Nunn is on his way.''

1. Marvelous Marvin Hagler
2. Thomas Hearns
3. John Mugabi
4. James Shuler
5. James Kinchen
6. Don Lee
7. Dwight Davison
8. Curtis Parker
9. Doug DeWitt
10. Tony Sibson

MIKE LANDINI RATES THE MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Few people were as happy as Chicago's Mike Landini when former stablemate John Collins knocked out Mark Holmes. Ever since Landini and Collins went their separate ways a few years ago, mid-west fans have been clammering for a showdown between the pair. Landini figures the match should be worth even more since Collins' victory. NBC-TV has indicated that they are interested in the bout . . . ''I was on the undercard when John beat Lenny LaPaglia in '83,'' remembers Landini. ''They had an SRO crowd of over 10,000. I'm sure John and I could draw another capacity crowd.'' . . . Since turning pro in 1981, Landini has compiled an excellent 24-1, 15 knockouts, record.



Among his better known victims are Vampire Johnson (W10), Carlos Tite (W10), and Roosevelt Green (W10). According to manager James Dagnillo, Mike's lone loss to Raul Nava (KOby2) helped turn his career around . . . ''Since then, he's trained a lot harder.'' . . . Landini splits his time between boxing and his job as a police officer for the Calumet City P.D. . . . ''I like police work,'' explains Mike, who is nicknamed ''Choir Boy'' because of his angelic looks. ''It's exciting, and they are very understanding about my boxing career. They give me time off to train. Even if I win a world title, I will continue my police work. Boxing's not gonna last forever.'' . . . A bachelor, Mike is a well-known personality in his community, but he maintains a low key life-style and considers himself just an ''average man.'' . . . Landini is trained by Russ Nyberg, who feels that his star pupil is much more than an ''average'' fighter.

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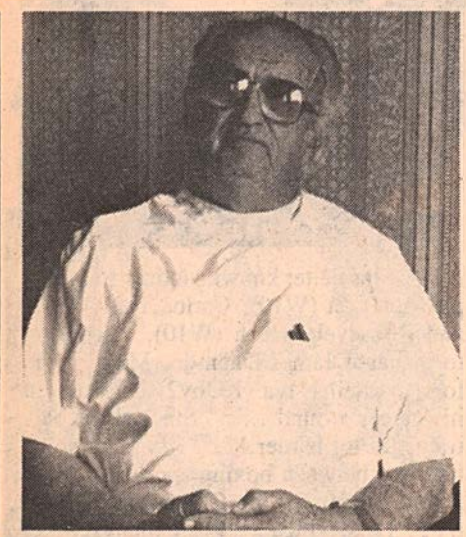
IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

DOCTOR BERNHART SCHWARTZ (FIGHT DOCTOR)



FOR THE PAST 42 YEARS, DR. Bernhart Schwartz of Los Angeles has been sewing up the torn flesh of prizefighters. If there's something he hasn't seen in the sport, then it never happened. However other men may look at the boxing ring, to Dr. Schwartz it is strictly an emergency room. For thousands of nights he has sat with just a handful of supplies, guarding the health of those who cannot escape punishment or injury.

From a distance, the 71-year-old doctor wears an expression that was made for telling kids to get off the lawn. He has a body that looks like Jackie Gleason stuffed into a white hospital smock. If small talk and backslapping do not interest him it is because he has a reverence for his job. There have been nights when he worked for nothing, but he doesn't care. There were times when he worked three or four cards a week, and for every fight there was also time spent for a weigh-in, an exam, paper work, and patching up the cuts and wounds of fighters. He has covered over 250 title fights, and watched nine men die trying to make something of their life with their fists.

"I don't know how many fights I've seen," he says. "I don't watch a fight like a guy sitting there with a beer and a hotdog. I've seen fights that were great masterpieces, but I'm there for another reason. I just watch both guys because pretty soon someone will get hurt. That's what I'm there for. They all get hurt. I feel for them. But I don't play favorites."

Perhaps it was destiny or just good luck, but since he was a boy Bernard Schwartz knew what he wanted to do with his life. He became interested in medicine from reading books. Then one summer night his father, a Rumanian immigrant who worked as a merchant tailor, came home with two pair of boxing gloves. Having once made clothes for heavyweighht champion Jim Jeffries, his father wanted to show his son a few things about the sport.

"My dad taught me about boxing," he says with a stir. "Everyone loved the sport back then. We used to box in the living room when I was nine years old. At first I wasn't very good at it, then one time I knocked him head over heels with a short hook. My mother started cheering and dancing around the room. We always laughed about it later. I had hundreds of fights as a kid. Prizefighters were my idols. I use to sell papers on the corner of 7th and Spring Street after school. One day I saw Mushy Callahan come down the street. MUSHY CALLAHAN!! HE WAS MY HERO. It was fantastic. I just stared at him. And when he walked past me, he winked. MUSHY CALLAHAN WINKED AT ME!! Well, I ran home and told my dad and everyone else. I couldn't sleep that night. As things turn out, I met him years later when he was a referee. He was much older. I introduced myself, and told him about the time he walked past my corner. He just looked at me, and then he winked."

Instead of turning professional, Bernhart went to UCLA to study medicine, and in 1942 he began work as a ringside physician. A few years later he opened an office in Watts and has stayed there for 37 years. He lives in a large house with a swimming pool in the back and two Lincoln Continentals in the garage, both now losing their show room shine. There are medical journals and books cluttered inside both cars. Ray Charles lives down the block.

"I could have made a billion dollars if I had a practice in Beverly Hills," he says without regret, "but I have enough. My patients are poor, and it doesn't matter if I get paid five dollars or nothing. It is my job to take care of the public. I took an oath as a doctor and I happen to believe in it. I really like taking care of people, even if they are poor. Don't ask me what I think of other doctors. I don't want to be quoted."

Opinions don't flow easily from Dr. Schwartz. Asked ordinary questions such as 'The best fights he's seen?' or 'The worst cut?'—and he responds, "Oh, I've seen so many it's hard to say." But out of the 42 years, there is one moment that comes to his mind, and he can see it with his eyes closed. With a soft voice he says, "I'll never forget when Robinson threw that left hook that lifted Gene Fullmer off his feet."

Although he loves his work, Dr. Schwartz may retire soon. His wife Patricia has been hospitalized in Salt Lake City for treatment of a tumor, and he plans to move to a small ranch in the southern part of Utah. He sits by the phone, in an empty house, reading medical books, and thinking of her. "There is only one person in the world I care for now," he says. "My wife is my only patient. She is all that matters to me."

One afternoon five years ago, Dr. Schwartz had a premonition of tragedy. It was the only time in his life that he did.

"This fellow walked into my office," he remembers. "I had no idea why he came in. He said he was Johnny Owen and he was going to fight Lupe Pintor for the title. He was so pale and thin, he didn't look like a fighter. He looked like a skeleton. As soon as I saw him I knew something was going to happen. The next night Johnny Owen died when Pintor knocked him down that last time. Most guys stiffen when they get knocked out, but Owen was limp on the canvas. I came into the ring, walked towards him, and thought they might as well call the morgue.

"Some people talk about banning boxing, but if they're really concerned about athletes then they should try to get rid of mountain-climbing, or rugby, or hang gliding, or motor racing. They are all much more dangerous than boxing. And so are other sports. Boxing is a very rough business, but you can't tell people what to do with their life. If you want to get rid of injuries, then ban every sport. People should look at the facts. Prizefighting is different, not like other sports. And when you fall for it, well, it never leaves you." □

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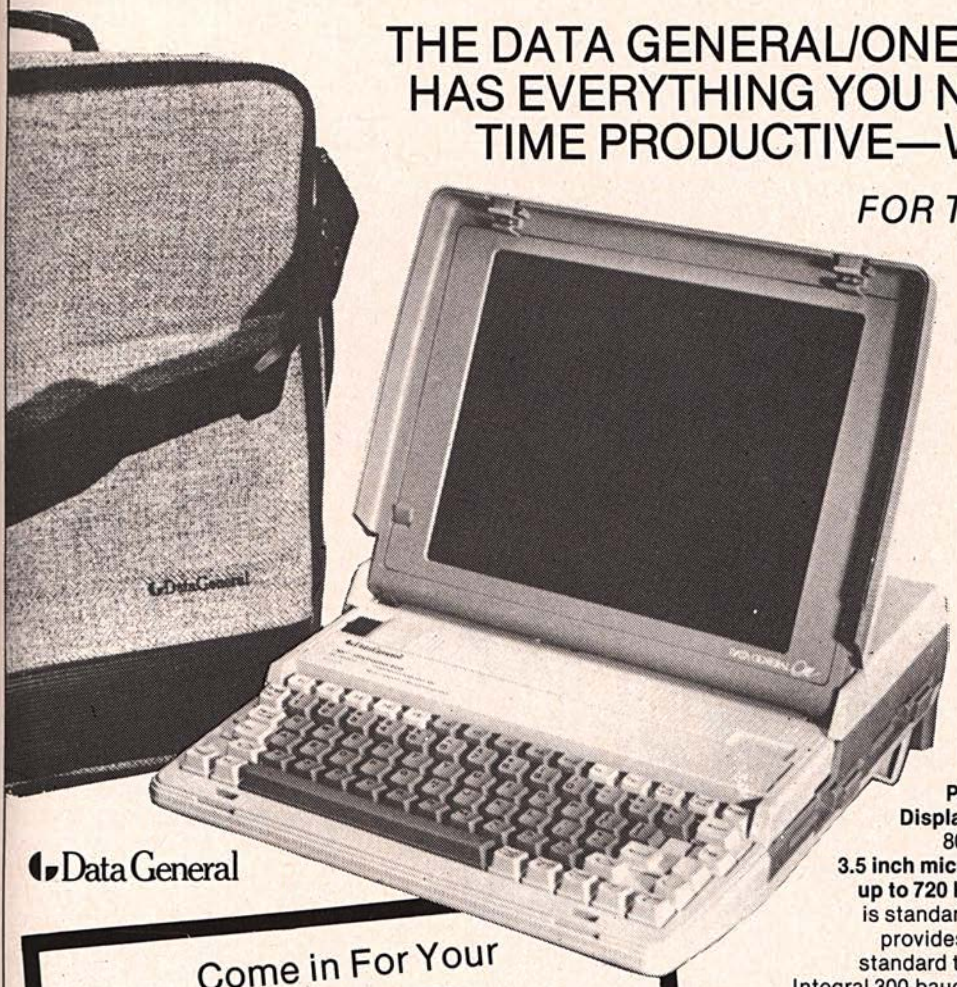

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